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Fort Almanac—Dec. 21.

Sun Rises	7 07 A M
Sun Sets	4 50 P M
Day's Length	9 h 43 m
High Water at Southport	5 02 P M
High Water at Wilmington	6 42 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 20.

Temperature, 8 a. m., 40°; 8 p. m., 43°; maximum, 44°; minimum, 35°; mean, 40°.

Rainfall for the day, trace; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2.75.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Cloudy, showery weather continues over the country east of the Mississippi and south of the lakes, and snow over the lakes; over the central Western valleys fair weather prevails. Temperatures are nearly stationary over the East and South, and cooler over the West. Moderate storm areas are central over the lower lakes and the west gulf. The barometer is high over the Southeastern and Northwestern sections.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Tuesday: Cloudy, unsettled weather, with local showers, slightly warmer Tuesday, cooler Tuesday night, variable winds.

Stage of water at Fayetteville at 8 a.m., 8 8 feet.

OUTLINES

Officers of the fourth army corps of the Cuban insurgent army have reaffirmed their allegiance to the Cuban cause, foreswearing autonomy. —— John McCoy, a noted bank robber, was fatally injured in a row with the proprietor of a Bowery lodging house, New York city. —— Fall River mill operatives make a counter proposition to the manufacturers, to postpone reduction of wages to March 1st, working only four days a week in the meantime; otherwise to submit the proposed reduction to the State board of arbitation. —— Advices from Paris show that France is awaiting Great Britain's action in China; if Great Britain follows the lead of Russia and Germany France will follow suit. —— The U. S. steamer Montgomery is watching two small sailing vessels in the harbor at Pensacola, Fla., suspected of being engaged in a Cuban filibustering expedition. —— A British squadron will be stationed this winter at Wei-Hai-Wei, China; this indicates that England is working in harmony with Japan. —— Cotton mills at Suncook, N. H. have given notice of a reduction of wages of operatives of about ten per cent. on January 1st; there are nearly 1 500 employes in the mills. —— The U S Supreme Court adjourned for the holidays to reconvene January 3d. —— A terrible gale at St. John's, N. F., caused great damage to shipping. ——The tug Dauntless at Key West is suspected of having another expedition on hand. Fire in Baltimore yesterday caused losses amounting to about $150,000. ——Severe weather is reported in Ontario, with the mercury four to 30 degrees below zero. —— Coal miners and operators in the Pittsburg region will hold conventions to-day to fix the mining rate for 1898, another strike is among the possibilities. —— The father of Durrant, the condemned murderer, says another appeal will be made to the U. S. Supreme Court. —— The Cotton Growers' Protective Association in session at Memphis, urge that farmers in every county in each State meet and organize on the first Monday in February. —— Russia has notified Japan of the occupation of Port Arthur and a large Japanese squadron has left Nagasaki —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 3½@4 per cent., last loan at 3 and closed offered at 2½@3 per cent.; cotton steady; middling 5⅞c; flour was firm and held higher; wheat—spot strong; No. 2 red $1 00⅞ f. o. b. afloat; corn—spot firm; No. 2 35⅝c f. o. b. afloat; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

A writer in a Havana paper accuses Gen. Weyler of stealing a $16,000 relief fund which had been raised for the families of some soldiers who were injured in a railway smash up and taking it to Spain with him.

The U. S. Senate has passed a bill prohibiting pelagic sealing in Bering sea by Americans. If the House should pass this bill it will give the Canadians the scoop of the sea while it knocks American skippers out, unless they can gaff or shoot on the sly.

A Nebraska evangelist is preaching against tobacco, whiskey and feathers. This reformer must have a large-sized opinion of his own ability to undertake a war against this trinity at the same time. He would find himself considerably tasked in tackling any one of them, especially feathers.

The Mechanical Rubber (perhaps this should be spelled Robber) Manufacturers' Association propose to inaugurate its merry new year with an advance of 5 to 10 per cent. on the price of its goods. This is the first stretch. They will give it another pull later on. While Dingley prosperity is going around the rubber fellows propose to run in some of it.

They have a social way of running municipal politics in the town of Mount Vernon, N. Y. A man and his son are running against each other on the Democratic and Republican tickets for mayor. "A house divided against itself can't stand," but there are exceptions for this is a case where the house stands in pretty well.

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If it be true that the anti civil service projectors have enlisted Hon. Mark Hanna in their ranks they have secured a potent recruit who will not be backward in coming forward when the crib is to be assaulted. Getting Hanna in looks like taking a cruel advantage of Mr. McKinley, who will either have to swallow his fine words or turn his back on his maker.

Secretary Gage wants to put boys of 70 years in his department on the retired list, with an annual pension of $900. That would be a beggarly pittance for people who had spent many years in the service of the Treasury, with such salaries as they received, who at that age had not accumulated enough to live on comfortably for the balance of their days.

Ike Adams, a Chicago lawyer, is reported to be under arrest in New York for stealing a suit of clothes from a large tailoring establishment. The report is not credited in Chicago, because a Chicago man wouldn't have been guilty of less than stealing the whole establishment.

Mr. Durrant says he will not hang. The general impression is that he will not hang willingly. His lawyers have so far managed to have his case hung instead of him.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. PLUMMER—Don't go.
OPERA HOUSE—The Lees.
SEACOAST ROAD—Extra train.
W. E. WORTH & CO—Banner coal.
HICKS BUNTING—Holiday goods.
JAS. D. NUTT—Soaps and powders.
J. A. SPRINGER & CO.—Everyday coal.
WIL. SAVINGS & TRUST CO.—For a Christmas present.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

For SALE—Piano.
W. P. OLDHAM—Just received.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Dr. Asa Love has returned to spend the holidays.

— Mr. R. J. House, of Greenville, spent Sunday in this city.

— Mr. W. B. Murphy, Jr., of Tomahawk, was here yesterday.

— Mr. E. L. Herring, of Tomahawk, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. W. M. Corbett, Jr., of Alpine, was in the city yesterday.

— The STAR regrets to hear of the critical illness of Mr. R. C. Bowden.

— Dr. George F. Lucas, of Currie, was observed on our streets yesterday.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thorpe returned last evening from their bridal tour.

— Messrs. B. R. and C. L. Taylor, of Fayetteville, were in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Jacob Powell, of Long Creek, was here yesterday, making business calls.

— Mr. Tench C. Coxe, of Asheville, was among Sunday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. C. G. Talbird, a popular travelling salesman of Richmond, is in the city.

— Col. H. M. Drane, of Armour, was a welcome visitor at the STAR office yesterday.

— Mr. Geo. Harriss, Jr., and family, of Philadelphia, have arrived in the city to spend the holidays.

— Miss Edna Gasque, of Marion, S. C., arrived in the city yesterday, and is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. C. Twining.

— Capt. and Mrs. J. T. Harper and daughter, Miss Annie K., have returned from a trip to Washington and Baltimore.

— Mr. W. S. Wishart, manager of the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company, is in the city on his way to Lumberton to spend the holidays.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Worth, of Petersburg, Va., arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. Worth is a grandson of Mr. B. G. Worth, with whom he and his family are stopping.

— Among the arrivals in the city yesterday: W. H. Jarman, Jacksonville; M. W. Cole and S. Meares, Clarkton; A. P. Caldwell, Lumberton; Q. P. Paddison, Point Caswell; J. C. Stanley, Marlville.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick returned yesterday from their bridal tour. They were accompanied by Miss Mary Lilly Kenan and Miss Sue Cumming. The party were travelling in Mr. H. M. Flagler's private car.

— Mrs. K. M. Murchison and Mrs. F. S. Ellis arrived in the city Sunday from New York, and Mr. F. S. Ellis arrived from Atlanta. Mrs. Murchison and Mrs. Ellis are stopping at Mr. James Sprunt's, and Mr. Ellis has gone to the Orton plantation.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The Board of Audit and Finance meets this afternoon at 8.30 o'clock.

— The receipts of cotton yesterday were 2,895 bales. Same day last year the figures stood 1,488.

— Messrs. W. P. Oldham & Co. announce that they have received another car load of fine apples.

— Simon Hight, a colored barber, collided with a bicycle on Front street yesterday and sustained slight injuries.

— The two thousand feet of hose ordered recently for the fire department is expected to arrive the latter part of this week.

— The STAR is glad to learn that Mr. Geo. Ziegler, who had his left hand crushed in an accident Saturday morning, is improving.

— The schooner *Cora M*, Capt. Mitchell, arrived in port late Saturday evening with phosphate rock for the Navassa Guano Company.

— Rev. Dr. J. A. Cunninggim, who has been quite sick at Greensboro, is reported much improved. He is the uncle of our esteemed townsman Rev. W. L. Cunninggim.

— An extra train will be run on the Seacoast railroad Christmas day, leaving the city at 9 30 o'clock a. m. and returning, leave Wrightsville beach at 11 o'clock a. m.

— In Justice Bornemann's court, yesterday, Elizabeth Herring, colored, was arraigned, accused by Madge Annie, also colored, of stealing a watch, but was adjudged not guilty.

— Mr. J. W. Plummer, Jr., announces that a special line of Christmas confectioneries, fruits, fireworks, etc., can be found at his establishment on Princess street, between Front and Second.

— Note the change in the schedule of the Newbern train. The hour for departure from Wilmington is 2 40 p. m., instead of 2.10 p. m. as formerly, and the time for arrival is 11 59 a. m., instead of 12 30 p. m. as before.

— Col. Jno. D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, will hear the closing argument on the motion made by Mr. S. H. Fishblate, through his counsel, to vacate the attachment of Messrs. Walberstein & Kee.

— The bicyclists say that the draymen drive too recklessly on Water street. To get around the corner at the intersection of Water and Princess is almost a perilous undertaking, unless the wheelman dismounts.

— Read the advertisement of Mr. J. Hicks Bunting, the druggist. He is making a run on holiday goods, and a glance at his space may help you in deciding what you want in the way of Xmas presents for your friends.

— Rev. Arthur Barnes, the new pastor of Market Street M. E. church, made a good impression Sunday on the occasion of his first sermon. The members expressed themselves as being pleased with him. Rev. T. H. Sutton has gone to his new field at La Grange.

— Dr. W. T. Wertonbaker, Past Assistant Surgeon U S. M. H. S., and previously stationed at Delaware Breakwater Quarantine Station, will succeed Dr. John Vansant in the service here, and Dr. Vansant will leave about the 28th next for his new post in Charleston.

— The last line of the advertisement of Capt. A. D. Brown, as it appeared yesterday, announced that his store would be "open every *day* this week." True enough. But what it was intended to say was that the store would be open every *night* this week as well as every day. These are Christmas times, you know.

Two Alarms of Fire.

The fire department was called upon to respond to an alarm of fire Sunday afternoon at 2 30 o'clock, sent in from box 84 Seventh and Grace streets, but its services were not needed, as there was no fire, that unruly element—the wind—being the cause of the sending in the alarm by forcing the smoke in a fireplace in the house of Sam Jones, colored, in Jones' alley, on Sixth street, between Grace and Walnut, into the house instead of up the chimney, out into the open air.

At 10 10 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in an out house on the premises of Mr. Jos. H. Hanby, corner Eighth and Market streets, but was of a trivial nature, and the flames were quickly suppressed when the department arrived on the scene in answer to an alarm from box 53.

Prof. Holmes Left Yesterday for Chapel Hill.

Prof. J. A. Holmes, State Geologist, who arrived in the city Saturday night from Castles Haynes, and during his stay here was the guest of Mr. B. F. Hall, returned yesterday morning, via the Atlantic Coast Line, to Chapel Hill, from whence he will go to morrow to Newbury, S. C., to spend the Christmas holidays. During his stay in the city Prof. Holmes examined the different specimens of rock, clay, sands, etc., through which the drill used in making the artesian well for the Clarendon Water Works Company has passed. A specimen of every five feet of earth the drill passed through is preserved for Prof. Holmes.

Magistrate's Court.

Two cases were disposed of by Justice Bunting yesterday.

Jim Walker, colored, charged with assaulting Frank Jones, colored, with a knife, was placed under $50 bond (which he gave) for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court.

Frank Jones, colored, was adjudged guilty of assault and battery, but judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

LARGE ICE-MAKING PLANT.

One of the Best Equipped Establishments in the South.

Messrs. W. E. Worth & Co. have now one of the best equipped and most extensive ice manufacturing establishments in the South. The energetic proprietor stated yesterday in conversation that it is the largest ice concern in the whole South, excluding the cities of Galveston and New Orleans. The total output is 100 tons per day.

When the factory first began operation it turned out only ten tons per day, and even so recently as last summer the capacity was not great enough to meet the demand that a rumor of ice famine was sufficient to create. But from now on it will be a hot time in the old town when the population of Wilmington can't get ice enough.

The machinery, which has been utilized in increasing the capacity of the Worth's plant, has been on hand since January, but there has been no unnecessary haste in getting it up, and it was only the latter part of last month that everything was in shape for turning out ice from the new plant. The water from which Messrs. Worth and Company's ice is made comes from three artesian wells, two of which are each 100 feet deep, while the third has a depth of over 800 feet.

Rev. Mr. Oliver on the Baptist State Convention.

At the morning service at the First Baptist church Sunday the pastor, Rev. W. B. Oliver spoke about the work of the recent Baptist State Convention, which he characterized as being the most harmonious and successful meeting of the kind that has been held in years. It was marked by the large number of laymen present, so that there was no excuse for the statement sometimes made that the convention is somewhat of a ministers' affair. There was also a marked and gratifying spontaneity about all the speeches made and the measures passed. Mr. Oliver spoke in the most complimentary way about the speech that Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter, of Raleigh, made against the resolution asking the Trustees of the Louisville Theological Seminary to remove Dr. Whitsitt from the presidency of that institution. For eloquence, persuasiveness and adroitness of logic, Mr. Oliver said he had never heard the speech equalled. It was not without its effect; the audience was persuaded into the speaker's way of thinking and the resolution was defeated.

Art Exhibition This Evening.

The art exhibition to be given this evening at Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall, under the auspices of the Westminister League, will be a rare and delightful entertainment, and will afford an excellent opportunity for the purchasing of artistic and choice Christmas gifts. Pictures, the drawings of such well-known artists as Charles Dana Gibson, Edwin A. Abbie, W. F. Smedley, F. O. Small, Alice Barber Stevens and others, will be displayed. In all fifty rare works of art will be exhibited, and afterwards auctioned off to the highest bidder. Besides the art feature a charming programme of music will be rendered, in which Mrs. Hoff and Miss Mary Lilly Kenan will participate. Refreshments will be served at very low prices.

Several paintings of Miss Williams, of Faison, will be displayed.

Admission 10 cents.

Funeral of the Late Mrs. Sanders.

The funeral of the late Mrs. V. A. Sanders, who died early Saturday morning, took place at 9 30 o'clock Sunday morning from her son's residence, 411 North Third street. The solemn services were conducted by Rev. W. B. Oliver, assisted by Rev. A. D. McClure. The hymns rendered were "Rock of Ages" and "Asleep in Jesus."

At Oakdale cemetery the remains were laid in their last resting place and beautiful flowers were placed tenderly on the grave.

The pall-bearers were: Honorary, Gov. D. L. Russell and Col. Jno. D. Taylor; active, M. J. Heyer, Jno. D. Bellamy, E. K. Bryan, Jas. H. Taylor, W. N. Harriss and H. McL. Green.

Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F.

At the regular meeting of Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., held last evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

C. P.—W. J. Reaves.
H. P.—J. O. Wiggs.
S. W.—F. P. Baldwin.
J. W.—W. H. Bidon.
Scribe—W. H. Harlowe.
Treasurer—H. O. Craig.

The above newly elected officers will be installed at the regular meeting January 3rd. On that occasion there will be three candidates for the royal purple degree, and after the usual exercises have been observed refreshments will be served.

Foot Ball Notes.

The foot ball game Christmas between the A. C. L. and O. A. N. teams will be played at Hilton Park.

Members of the A. C. L. foot ball team are requested to meet at the corner of Fifth and Market streets to-night.

The O. A. N. eleven is also requested to report for practice to-night at the usual place.

A Christmas Excursion.

The excursion season lasts the year around. There was a good sized crowd of excursionists in the city yesterday, arriving over the C. F. & Y. V. railroad at 12 30 p. m. from Bennettsville. There were between 125 and 150 people on board and the manager was Mr. J. A. King, of Fayetteville. The excursion left at 8 40 o'clock last night.

On account Annual Snow Inter State Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, Asheville, N. C., January 4th to 7th, the Seaboard Air Line will sell tickets to Asheville from Wilmington at rate of one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale January 2nd to 7th, inclusive; final limit January 8th, 1898.

OPERA HOUSE

The Lee Hypnotists Open a Week's Engagement with an Interesting Entertainment to a Large Audience.

To see a number of your personal friends upon a stage, facing six or eight hundred people, and some ludicrously posing as jockeys driving imaginary winners on a country race track, others gracefully (all) stalking about with stiffened legs, while still others are seating themselves in plain every-day chairs only to rise again with the thought thoroughly instilled into their minds that the aforesaid chairs were red hot stoves, is too absurd for you to keep a straight face, and unless you take advantage of the laughable scene and "roar" you certainly must have eaten something you didn't digest well, or you have heard about the intended visit (of only about four months) of your *much beloved* (by herself) mother-in-law. The Lees were at the Opera House last evening, which commenced their week's engagement in this city, and presented an entertainment of high class, decidedly so, hypnotism. The entertainment opened with an interesting brief address by Dr. Lee about the hypnotism to be displayed, after which subjects were called for from among the audience, and the call was responded to liberally, about twenty-five gentlemen going upon the stage, among whom were Messrs. W. A. Farriss, Henry Gieschen, F. Richter, W. W. Vick, Champ McD. Davis, J. D. Latham, Wm. Donlan, Coreth Angel and Jas. Cotchett, and Mr. Jas. H. Cowan of the STAR. These gentlemen were made to do various tricks, not degrading but highly amusing, illustrating the power of hypnotism, and their actions and facial expression and their well and favorable known acquaintance soon dispelled any incredibility on the part of the auditor if any was felt.

Two of Dr. Lee's assistants were hypnotized and hat pins stuck through their cheeks, evidence of which the subjects gave not the slightest sign. Previous to this experiment one of the assistants was hypnotized, and with his head resting on one chair and his feet on another, forming a human bench, supported four men whose combined weight was 723 pounds. At 10 o'clock Mr. Herald Griffin, a member of the company, made his appearance and was placed upon a cot, and then hypnotized by Dr. Lee and commanded to stay asleep for forty-eight hours. The cot, with its human burden, was then transported to the store of Mr. B. F. Penny, on Market street, and placed in a window, where Mr. Griffin will sleep until to-morrow evening, when he will be transported back to the theatre and awakened. Three gentlemen of this city, Messrs. H. E. Lumsden, Moses Penny and Leon Mott, are watching the sleeper; and to-morrow night will be required to make affidavits that he has received no nourishment of any kind. Mr. Griffin was weighed on the stage before going to sleep and weighed 154½ pounds. Dr. Lee is assisted in his work by his niece, Miss Alberta Lee.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Tenth Anniversary of the Incumbency of the Rector, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D.

Sunday marked the tenth anniversary of Rev. Dr. Robert Strange's rectorship of St. James' Episcopal church, and marked the closing of ten years of earnest and beloved work, from which much and great good and many benefits were derived, accomplished by Dr. Strange, who is loved by both the old and young of this community.

At the morning service Dr. Strange delivered an able and interesting sermon, showing what has been accomplished in St. James' church during the past ten years and advanced excellent suggestions for future work in the church. From the sermon the following statistics, dating through the last ten years, were gathered, viz:

Baptisms, 303; confirmations, 256; couples married, 70; funerals, 181; communicants increased from 362 to 548.

During the ten years there was $98,858 contributed, the parish house was presented to the church by Mrs. M. E. Bridges and family; a costly and artistic reredos was presented by Mr. Henry Latimer; two handsome stained glass windows were placed in the church, and many other improvements made.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—927 bales cotton, 8 casks spirits turpentine, 35 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—1 068 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 95 bbls rosin, 183 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—56 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 50 bbls tar, 25 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—118 bales cotton, 36 casks spirits turpentine, 184 bbls rosin, 207 bbls tar.

Wilmington & Newbern R. R.—217 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer Driver—19 bales cotton, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 73 bbls rosin, 234 bbls tar, 5 bbls crude turpentine.

Total receipts—Cotton, 2,395 bales; spirits turpentine, 84 casks; rosin, 301 bbls; tar, 712 bbls; crude turpentine, 33 bbls.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cent This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculte the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always advance.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

DR. BLUE MOUNTAIN JOE.

His Tent and Other Property Seized Under Attachments Issued by Employes and Others.

Shortly after 6 o'clock yesterday evening the large canvas tent and other fixtures belonging to Dr. Blue Mountain Joe, whose troupe has been exhibiting in this city for about a month past under canvas in a vacant lot on Front street, between Church and Castle, were attached to satisfy a judgment given in Justice J. M. McGowan's court for two hundred dollars and costs.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Harry S. Schwalbe, leader of the show band, went before Justice R. H. Bunting and through his counsel, Jno. D. Bellamy, Esq., entered suit against Dr. Blue Mountain Joe for $300, wages due him and the other members of the band. Dr. Blue Mountain Joe was immediately summoned, and at 5 o'clock made his appearance and asked for a continuance of the case, which Justice Bunting refused, holding that the grounds upon which a continuance was requested were not sufficient. The defendant then presented an affidavit for removal, and the case was transferred to Justice McGowan's court, where the defendant asked for a continuation in order to have his counsel, Col. Thomas W. Strange, present. A continuance in this court was denied, and the defendant refused to go to trial, whereupon the plaintiffs were given judgment for the amount sued for.

Later Deputy Sheriff J. P. Flynn levied upon Dr. Blue Mountain Joe's tent and other fixtures and placed three deputies in charge of the attached goods, consequently there was no performance last night.

Mr. Schwalbe alleges that Dr. Blue Mountain Joe contracted for the band with him, and has failed to pay him or the members of the band all their wages. Dr. Blue Mountain Joe claims that Schwalbe did not fulfil the contract made.

Chosen Friends Elect Officers.

At a meeting of Wilmington Council, No. 19, Order of Chosen Friends, the following officers were elected and will be installed on the fifth of January, viz: Dr. S. P. Wright, P. C.; H. D. Burkheimer, C.; C. W. Polvogt, V. C.; L. H. Kelly, P.; H. C. Twining, Sec.; P. V. Alderman, Treas.; Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn, Ins.; S. K. DeVany, Marshal; D. Goldman, W.; M. F. Croom, G.; Geo. H. Heyer, S.

Dr. S. P. Wright was chosen medical examiner and Messrs. Wm. Struthers, Wm. Nicstlie and Wm. Humphries were elected trustees.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Wilmington Seacoast Railroad.

CHRISTMAS DAY AN EXTRA TRAIN will run, leaving the city at 9.30 o'clock a. m., and returning, leave Wrightsville Beach at 11.00 o'clock a. m. de 21 tf

Be Sure to Attend the Art Exhibition

IN MEMORIAL HALL TO-NIGHT, TUESday, December 21st. Pictures by Gibson, Abbey, Smedley, and other well known artists, will be exhibited and afterwards sold for small sums. The greatest op or unity to purchase artistic Christmas gifts. Some paintings by Mrs. Williams, of Faison, will be on exhibit. There will be music by Mrs. Hoff, Miss Kenan and others, and light refreshments will be sold. Admission, 10 cents. de 21 tf

OPERA HOUSE.

WEEK COMMENCING

Monday, December 20.

SATURDAY MATINEE.

The Lees

Great Company of HYPNOTISTS.

Change of program nightly.

Prices—50, 35, 25 and 15 cents. de 17 8t

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100 Cases (10c) Free Silver Powder.
100 Cases Good Luck Powder.
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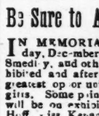

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House on Eighth between Market and Princess streets. Modern improvements.
House on Princess between Ninth and Tenth streets.
House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Nun streets.
House on Princess between Fifth and Sixth streets. Modern improvements.
House on Second between Dock and Orange streets with ten rooms.

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SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,

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ANY FURTHER FOR CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES than No. 123 Princess street. Examine our goods and learn our Rock Bottom Prices.

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PRINTING AND JOB PRESS FOR SALE OR RENT. Also Building and Business Lots for sale at Red Springs. Farming Lands for sale.

Apply to S. R. TOWNSEND, dec 19 5t* Red Banks, N. C.

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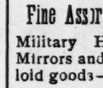

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THE PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE prohibiting the firing of ordinary Fire Crackers will be suspended from noon December 24th until midnight December 26th. Provided, however, that none shall be fired west of Front street. The firing of what is known as

CANNON OR CANTON CRACKERS

over two inches in length, or those containing Dynamite, is

ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED

on any Street, Wharf or Alley, and the Police Force have positive instructions to

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Police have also been instructed to prevent the assembling of crowds upon the sidewalks or streets, or parading the same in BANDS WITH HORNS, and to disperse or arrest any persons so assembling or parading.

SILAS P. WRIGHT, Mayor.

December 18, 1897. su tu we fr su de 19 5t

FIREWORKS.

We are not out of the Grocery business by any means, but in addition to our regular line, will be headquarters for

Fireworks.

Just received a nice lot of N. C. Hams which we offer at 12½c per lb.

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Turkeys and Celery.

CUT PRICES THIS WEEK ON

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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 21, 1897

ALL SECTIONAL SCHEMES.

The Republican party claims to be a national and not a sectional party, and yet all the measures it has originated and to which it now adheres are essentially sectional. Take the tariff, the currency, and the pensions out of the Republican platform and what would be left would not hold the party together thirty days. Every one of these is sectional. The tariff is for the benefit of the manufacturing States of the East and Central West where the Republican party has its stronghold. The South and the agricultural and mining Western States are simply tribute payers to the beneficiaries of these tariffs, which are framed with the single view to benefit the men and corporations which help to keep the Republican party in power by furnishing a large part of the money used for campaign and election purposes.

Of course they deny this and pretend that the tariff benefits the whole country, the non-manufacturing as well as the manufacturing section, the buyer of the protected goods as well as the maker of them, the arrant fraud of which any one with sense enough to get out of the way of a locomotive can see through. They used to play the fake that it was the foreigner who paid the tax, but that fake has played out, so that they don't run it so much now. They humbugged the working people in the protected industries by making them believe that the protection given those industries was for their benefit, to ensure them good wages and protected them from the "pauper labor" across the waters, but it has never yet been shown where the wages of the people in the protected industries have been higher than the same character of labor in the unprotected industries, or where the wages of these working people ever kept up proportionately to the advance in the prices of protected goods. As an illustration of the fraud of this pretense, after a generation of protection, which has been increasing with each change in the tariff by the Republicans, the wages paid skilled labor in some of the industries are less now than they were twenty years ago; and another proof is that most of the strikes within the past ten years or more have been in the protected industries.

They have humbugged the farmers by giving them protection on wool, and on the last tariff they extended the protection to hides, which they put on the free list twenty three years ago, and on other things of which we do not import comparatively a hatful, while we export thousands of tons. The wool and hide protection are frauds as concerns the masses of the farmers, while the protection on wheat, rye, barley, potatoes, &c., is merely a burlesque. There isn't one farmer in fifty that sells wool, nor more than one out of the fifty who sell it who sells enough to make protection an object. There isn't one farmer in fifty who sells hides, and not one in the fifty who do who sells enough of them to make protection an object. The wool tariff is for the benefit of some of the large wool growers who contribute money to Republican campaign funds, and the hide tax for the benefit of the big slaughterers who do likewise. The mass of the farmers for whose benefit it is alleged wool is taxed, but who receive no benefit whatever from it, pay from twenty-five to forty per cent. more for the woollen goods they buy in consequence of this protection and lose five dollars on the increased cost of the goods they buy to the one they gain by the protection, assuming that they gain anything. The farmer, for whose benefit it is alleged the tax is put upon hides, pays five times as much on the increased cost of his boots and shoes as he gains by the tax on hides, assuming that he gains everything by it. Probably not a hundred men all told are really gainers by the duty on wool and hides and these are from States that it is necessary to hold in the Republican column, to hold which the aid and money of these one hundred is considered necessary. If wool and hides, like cotton, were solely Southern products they would never be taken under the paternal care of the Republican statesmen. So much for the tariff, as sectional a measure as ever entered the brain of a scheming politician.

How about the currency? They will deny that this is sectional, and yet when Southern representatives ask that the right of which the States were robbed when the national bank system was established the right of establishing their own banks under their own laws as they did from the foundation of the Government until that right was arbitrarily taken away by taxing State banks out of existence, be restored to them by removing this tax, they are told that there is no necessity for State banks, that the North has or can have all the banks it needs, and has now more money than there is really any use for. The North has money enough, and if the South hasn't she must grin and bear it, scratch along as usual and do the best she can with what she has, and get more the best way she can. Every one knows that all the great national banks are in the North, and that these great banks practically control the smaller ones, and also the volume of notes in circulation. They not only do that, but they control the financial policies of the Government, and control them in their own interest. Does any one think for a movement that if there were no national bank system to be taken care of there would be any objection to State banks under State laws? If the national banks had gone out of existence ten years after the war, there isn't a State in the Union that wouldn't have had all the banks it needed long ago?

But as the South is expected to pay tribute to the protected industries of the North, so is she expected to pay tribute to the protected banks and be dependent upon them for the paper currency which the people use. To still further enlarge the power of these banks and give them a stronger monopoly of the money it is proposed to retire the greenbacks and Treasury notes, and later on the silver and gold certificates, and let these banks have exclusive control of the paper money of the country. As the North, when the Republican party has its strength, controls the tariff, so these Republican statesmen intend that it shall control the money of the country.

As to pensions, it is needless to discuss that question. There isn't a school boy in the country who doesn't know that it is sectional.

MINOR MENTION.

The Chattanooga *Times*, which takes a more hopeful view of the future of the New England and the Old England cotton manufacturing industry than many of the manufacturers in New England and Old England do, remarks as follows:

"The talk to the effect that the Eastern cotton trade has gone into a permanent decline has no reason or fact to rest on. In very truth it is foolishness. There is no cause at work which will destroy the cotton trade of either Old England or of New England. The world, as a whole, would be as much poorer as those trades are worth, and no part of the world could by any possibility be benefited by the disappearance of that vast amount of wealth. Least of all would the wiping out of the Eastern cotton trade benefit the South. The cotton textile trade of Old England, within our memory, has been destroyed at least a score of times—in the minds of the people who must have some text upon which to preach calamity. Really Great Britain is steadily extending her local trade, while her capitalists have put $100,000,000 into the spindles and looms of India. Never in the course of their existence have the textile trades in the Eastern States of this country, and in England and Scotland, had a surer lease of life than they have this day."

Of course no one expects the speedy decay of this industry from our Eastern States or from England, and no one supposes that it will entirely disappear from either, for the millions that are invested in manufactories will make the investors struggle long and hard. But they have now to contend against new conditions and against factors uncontemplated when these millions were invested. There is not wanting evidence that they are feeling the effect of these new conditions, for they acknowledge it and have been putting their ingenuity to the test to withstand them, but in the meantime their field grows narrower and their profits smaller. When New England mill men send their money South to build mills and when English mill men send their money to India and to China to build mills it is an admission that means a good deal more than words. The cotton manufacturing industry, like every other industry, must be governed by the laws of trade and natural conditions. The iron industry left the Atlantic seaboard States and went towards the Lakes and to the South to get the advantage of cheaper iron ore and coal, and so eventually must the cotton manufacturing industry get nearer to the source of supplies to reap the advantage of cheaper raw material, cheaper labor and longer working seasons. Cotton being lighter than coal and iron the cotton men can stand the cost of transportation better than the iron makers could and consequently the New England mills will hold out longer, but this is only one of the obstacles they have to contend against. There are others and all together they will prove too much for the cotton manufacturers of the East.

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The New York *Sun*, which not very long ago performed in Democratic disguise, but which since throwing off the disguise, aspires to leadership in the Republican party, is so zealous in its labors for the money power it represents that it sometimes becomes amusing. The following in reference to the meeting of the Southern bankers at Atlanta, under the heading "The Bitter Cry of the Moneyless", is a sample:

"The explanation of the discontent with existing currency conditions which, at the South, underlies and animates the demand for currency reform legislation, is found in the resolutions adopted on Wednesday by the Southern Bankers' Convention at Atlanta, Ga. Among the other things they mention as desirable are these:

"'Increase the amount of gold and silver in circulation among our people.

"'Give smaller towns the advantage of better banking facilities so that every honest man will have meted out to him the credit he is entitled to.

"'Give producers of every kind in every section ample currency at reasonable rates of interest to handle and hold their crops or manufactures until they desire to dispose of them.

"'Give lower and equalized rates of interest throughout the United States.'

"All these things resolve themselves into one—more money for the moneyless. How legislation can furnish it, except by 'giving' the money outright to those who need it, nobody can explain. That there is in the country already an ample sufficient supply of coin and paper money, the accumulation of both in this city and at other financial centers plainly shows. The difficulty is to get it distributed in localities where it is now scarce, and that difficulty can be removed only by the industry and economy of the people of those localities themselves. Legislation will not help them. Doubling the number of banks and the quantity of bank notes in existence would, under present conditions, only double the unused surplus of currency without helping those with whom it is now lacking to get any portion of it."

It would have been utterly impossible to cram into the same space more nonsense than these comments of the *Sun* contain. Who if not the "moneyless" have a right to demand money, and demand the establishment of a system by which they can get it in a business like and legitimate way? This talk about an abundance and an over-abundance of money in New York and other money centers is the veriest rot. The hungry people of India might as well have been told to say nothing about their distress because there was plenty of foodstuffs in the United States. What the people of the South want is a banking system adapted to the needs of the country, and from which they can get the currency needed, and not have to be dependent upon the banks of New York or other Northern money center for it.

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The New York *Commercial Advertiser* is a little closer to New England than the Chattanooga *Times* is, but doesn't take as cheerful a view of the future of the cotton manufacturing industry in that section as our Tennessee contemporary does. It sees the "flags of distress, a sign of the migration of the industry to a more favorable seat" on which it discourses thus:

"The enormous increase of cotton mills in the South from 667,000 spindles in 1880 to 4,100,000 now has been attracting attention for the last decade, but it is only within a year or two that its effect upon the New England industry has begun to be anticipated, and it is only now that practical demonstration of that effect is given. The cut of wages in the New England mills, in the midst of increasing industrial prosperity, with demand for product increasing and raw material lower than for years, is a flag of distress, a sign of migration of the industry to a more favorable seat, where labor and power are cheaper, trades unionism is less arrogant and coal and raw material are close at hand. The cotton manufacture of the country is about to move to the South, as the iron industry moved to the West.

"The result will be cheaper production, lower prices and a more extended market. The largest effect of migration of the iron industry was production so cheap and price so low that it not only conquered the home market, but disdained tariff protection and invaded that of the world. The same result may be expected in time with cotton. The expected strikes in New England cotton mills will announce cheaper cotton goods, and the completion of the migration of the industry to the South will promise the long-looked-for export of our great Southern product in cloth instead of bales."

The *Commercial Advertiser* is a Republican paper and not over partial to the South, but it keeps its eye on current events and correctly construes them. The "flag of distress" has been raised, but the "migration" began before the flag was raised, and has been going on quietly for several years. We wouldn't be a bit surprised if before the end of the next decade there was even more New England than Southern capital invested in Southern cotton mills.

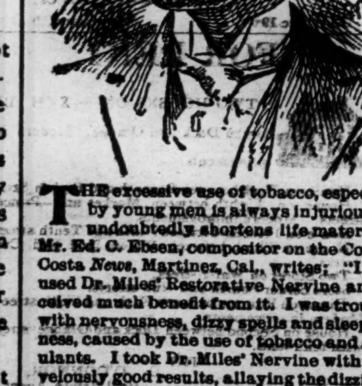
A number of Republican Senators, three of whom are Hanna, Elkins and Pritchard, have informed the President that something must be done to remove the "discontent" in the Republican wigwam, and that he should revoke Cleveland's last order extending the civil service and thus let down the bars to the 45,000 places that Republicans have their eyes on.

Weyler, which is pronounced Wayler, rhymes with Taylor (our Hannis) but this is the only instance in which they gee together.

Dr. Miles' Nervine

A REMEDY FOR THE

Effects of Tobacco.



THE excessive use of tobacco, especially by young men is always injurious and undoubtedly shortens life materially. Mr. Ed. C. Ebsen, compositor on the Contra Costa *News*, Martinez, Cal., writes: "I have used Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine and received much benefit from it. I was troubled with nervousness, dizzy spells and sleeplessness, caused by the use of tobacco and stimulants. I took Dr. Miles' Nervine with marvelously good results, allaying the dizziness, quieting the nerves, and enabling me to sleep and rest, proving in my case a very beneficial remedy." Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine is especially adapted to restoring the nervous system to its normal condition under such circumstances. It soothes, heals and strengthens.

Dr. Miles' Remedies are sold by all druggists under a positive guarantee, first bottle benefits or money refunded. Book on diseases of the heart and nerves free. Address,

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Stop suffering! Try Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles's PAIN PILLS. CURE All Pain. "One cent a dose." For sale by all Druggists. Change. June 15 1y su tu th

TWINKLINGS.

Very Modest—She—"Mr. Beacon talks like a book."

He—"Yes, like an autobiography."—*Puck.*

Visitor—"Pat says he's descended from some of the greatest houses in Ireland."

Mike—"Mush! So he did, many a toime—on a ladder."—*Tit Bits.*

— A prudent man had his portrait painted recently. His friends complained to him that it was much too old. "That's what I ordered," said he. "It will save the expense of another one ten years from now."—*Tit Bits.*

— "I hear that the crowd hooted you when you appeared at the Pedlington Theatre Royal." "False, me boy, false," replied the eminent tragedian. "All false. There was no crowd."—*Household Words.*

— Tom—"That was a fine charger I saw you riding in the park this morning."

Jack—"Yes; but as a charger, the liveryman I hired him from can lose him any part of the track."

— Mrs. Skinner (talking about the stock market)—"I'll tell you what, Mr. Starboarder, there's nothing like leather."

Mr. Starboarder (vainly sawing)—"Oh, yes, there is—this steak for instance!"—*Tit Bits.*

— Caller (trying to offer some consolation)—"Your husband was quite a leader in society, was he not?"

Widow—"I think he was. He belonged to eleven of them."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Once a year: Bob—The Edgerton children have a good time Christmas.

John—In what way?

Bob—Well, their father is a doctor, and their mother lets them eat everything they want.—*Judge.*

— Sue Burbanite—"I'm so glad that this district is to be included in Greater New York."

Mrs. Lonesomehurst—"Why?"

Sue Burbanite—"Because the doctor advised me to spend this winter in New York, and now I can do it without the trouble of moving."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Now that Spain has stripped Cuba of at least half her population and more than half her wealth, and is no nearer to the suppression of the revolt against tyranny, she seems to be preparing to abandon whatever is left of the unhappy island.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— The threatened shift of the cotton manufacturing center from New England to the New South would be no new departure. The same shift has set in in the iron trade. Economic laws will have their way at last, and the artifices of men are vain to halt them.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Never while the sun shines will the eastern bankers indorse the sensible reforms advocated by the southern bankers—such as the abolition of the bond guaranty and the issue of notes on commercial assets. Why? First, because it would smash the bond market; second, it would partially remedy the evil effects of the gold standard.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— Mr. Grosvenor, in order to justify his action on the civil service question, found it necessary to call attention to the matter in which the Administration was ignoring the Cuban plank of the St. Louis platform. President McKinley will be sure to regard this cut of his figure maker as belonging to the unkind variety.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by experienced pharmacists who know precisely the nature and quality of all ingredients used. †

RUSSIAN COOKERY.

It Is Queer and Ingenious and Not Wholly Forbidding.

The curse of all hotel cooking in St. Petersburg is boiled beef. There are other dishes, of course, but the stomach weakens at this point. In St. Petersburg it is quite possible to get boiled beef by ordering mutton chops, and the head waiter will provide a seasoning of argument. At one favorite table d'hote breakfast roast sucking pig, stuffed with black buckwheat groats, is served every other day, and one must go early if he be attached to this hearty delicacy so great is the demand for it on the part of the Russians, who are attracted thither by it. But boiled beef is the Russian as it is the German and Austrian Proteus. It appears on the bill of fare under different names at least three times every day in the year, after already having done yeoman service in the soup, with one onion fried from early morn to dewy eve to make a strong but thrifty flavoring. It scores at least 1,100 economical and intellectual triumphs for the Germans every year, and the stomach, which cannot, like the eyes, be defrauded by fancy titles, at last flees, howling, from the struggle with slow nauseating starvation.

But in Russia the enemy is less fertile in stratagem. It masquerades most frequently under the name of cutlets, or bitki, with a prefix of a distinguished name, preferably that of a slashing military man, as is fitting. Pozharsky cutlets (Minin, the butcher comrade of Prince Pozharsky, is most unjustly forgotten), Skobeleff cutlets, Dolgoruki cutlets, and the whole race of cutlets and bitki may be safely avoided. But, alas, the anxious query as to any unfamiliar dish, "Is it chopped?" generally brings the answer, "Yes." Then one knows that it will turn out a hard, dry ball of chopped boiled beef, variously seasoned and fried in grease, sunflower seed oil being often used in Lent and other fasts for the soul's sake, when sinners will persist in eating meat.—Lippincott's Magazine.

Scene on an Electric Car.

Well groomed citizen to a heathen Chinee: "Move up, John, and make room for the gentleman." John quite oblivious of any one addressing him. Citizen gets riled. "You're a highbinder! You're a highbinder, I say!" Having reiterated the "highbinding" statements several times, he inquires of John what's the matter with him. "Me no speak to you. You too much whisky. You don't know what you say." This brings the laugh on the citizen, and as he grows wroth the heathen smiles. What a lesson the heathen taught the citizen of modern Athens in preserving one's temper!—Boston Transcript.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband feeds the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and Weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale at R. R. BELLAMY. †

CASTORIA.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: David Jackson, a well known and respected colored citizen, and for forty years a Cape Fear river pilot, died Friday afternoon; aged sixty years.

— Raleigh *Post*: The Labor Commissioner's forthcoming annual report will show that there are 86 roller flour mills in the State. These mills grind practically all the wheat grown in the State. A large majority of these mills are run by water.

— Salisbury *World*: Mr. J. J. Newman is now purchasing large tracts of land on which Mr. D. L. Risley, of Philadelphia, will locate a colony. The colony is to be composed of good citizens who will add materially to the county and make a representative citizenship.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: Information has come to the Secretary of State that a number of unlicensed fire insurance companies are doing business in and around Charlotte. They are principally engaged in insuring mill property. The Secretary will make an effort to catch them, as it is unfair to the companies that pay license to allow those who do not come into their territory and compete with them.

— Greensboro *Record*: Some New York parties have purchased the Fentress old mine ten miles from Greensboro and are at work fixing to start it up again. It has not been touched in thirty years, but is thought to be a good piece of property. At one time one solid piece of copper ore was taken out weighing 1,200 pounds. It is the intention of the present owners to work it for all it is worth. It is known that gold has been found there and it will be worked for this and copper. Houses are being put up, a lot of men being at work, making the place look lively.

— Sanford *Express*: Many of the farmers in this county have not yet sold their cotton. A gentleman who has travelled through the country tells the *Express* that he has noticed cotton in the bale at a great many places. Some of it has not yet been ginned. Some of the farmers have been forced to sell their cotton to pay their taxes and guano bills. —— Mr. A. M. D. Williamson, of Carthage, showed the *Express* a gourd the other day that was grown by his father, Bailey Williamson, who was mail carrier from Cross Creek, now Fayetteville, to Wadesboro in 1810. He used the gourd in the war of 1812 to carry powder in. It will hold three quarters of a pound of powder.

— Winston *Journal*: Dr. J. W. Petty showed us a specimen of the skin of a hog killed by A. B. Mock, living about four miles from the city. The hog was diseased and Mr. Mock brought this specimen to Dr. Petty to have it examined. After a careful diagnosis Dr. Petty pronounced the disease "swine plague." The Dr. informs us that this disease is caused by a germ closely related to the germ of typhoid fever, and says that the meat is very dangerous and should not be used in any form, whether well cooked or not, as its use is almost sure to develop typhoid fever. The meat is full of dark red spots, from the size of a grain of sand to a quarter of a dollar, and can be readily detected. —— Dr. Robertson, of Guilford College, we learn, went to Baltimore last night to be treated for hydrophobia. Some days ago the doctor was bitten on the ear by a cat. The same cat bit a small boy who later died. This scared the doctor, and he telegraphed the circumstances to some of his medical friends North, and they advised him to come North at once and be treated.

HER LODGER'S CRAFTINESS.

New Plan to Deceive Innocent Landladies Until Money Is Procurable.

He told me the story himself, and I know him for a truthful man, if a trifle careless in regard to his financial affairs.

He was much in his landlady's debt, had to make a week's trip out of town and needed his money for traveling expenses. He went away, leaving a note in which he promised to settle as soon as he returned. He came back to the city two days before his monthly check was due, and he was "broke."

He knew that to face the landlady without money would be to invite unpleasantness, and strained relations would follow. He had not money enough to go to a hotel, and he sought relief in craft.

He went home at an hour after she had retired, let himself in with a latchkey and tiptoed softly to his room. She attended divine service each morning, as he knew well. He slept the sleep of the tired, if not the just. When she had gone out in the morning, he made his own bed, smoothed out the covers nicely, made a change of garb and went out. She wotted not of it. And so he did the next night too.

Then, on the third day, having received the expected check, he went boldly in at noonday, as if fresh from a long journey, paid his just debt and was welcomed home as good lodgers should be.

"Great strategy," I said.

"Great," he said. "If I'd been in the war, I'd have come out a major general at least."—New York Herald.

A Prominent Atlanta Woman.

One of Atlanta's most progressive women is Mrs. Aaron Burr Steele, who was first introduced to the general public as secretary of the woman's board of the Cotton States exposition. Her energies in behalf of her sex are never flagging. She is not a clubwoman, but carries on her work in her own good way. She belongs to the well known southern family of Van Rensselaers and traces her ancestors back to the Dutch aristocrats of New York state.

Bedroom Hints.

Bring children up to sleep in the dark, as it is much better for their eyes, the complete darkness being an entire rest. Dark green or blue curtains are the best for bedrooms, and they should be drawn across the window to prevent the glare of morning light falling too strongly upon the eyes. Never place a child's bed opposite a window, as the bright light falling upon the face in sleep is exceedingly bad for the sight.

Free of Charge to Sufferers.

Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular size bottle. This is no experiment, and would be disastrous to the proprietors did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results, and are relying on it in most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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The Pygmy in the United States.

While looking over some old papers published in New Orleans in 1842, I found a short description of a batch of presumably freshly imported slaves. Among them were "six or eight very small negroes, men and women, all of whom were under 5 feet in height. Who ran in this cargo is not known, but Mr. —— has the disposal of them." An old bill of sale, now in the possession of a Mr. Wolfgang Werner of Savannah, dated April 23, 1810, gives a description of two adult slaves, male and female, in which the height of the male is declared to be "4 feet 6 inches and the female 4 feet 3 inches." Finally, in the possession of the Armistede family of Virginia there is a letter dated The Oaks, Feb. 20, 1773, and written by Miss Judith Graeme to her friend, Miss Sarah Armistede.

In this letter Miss Graeme bewails the fact that "pa has bought four of those trifling, good for nothing little 'ginny niggers,' who will steal the cloathes off your back if you give them half a chausne." After giving a page or so of local gossip Miss Judith closes her letter with a postscript anent the little negroes, who seemed to have aroused her bitterest animosity. Says she, "The biggest one of those nasty little 'ginny niggers' is not 5 feet high." Thus we see that over 100 years ago negritos were brought to America and sold as slaves. For all I know to the contrary, the little negroes had been coming into the country ever since slavery was first instituted.—Popular Science Monthly.

A Story of North.

A story is told of the late Colonel North to the effect that the colonel loved children, but was not wildly keen on kissing babies. Once, being implored by a handsome lady to kiss an exceptionally unwholesome looking infant, of which the mother stated herself to be the living image. "Well, here goes for the image," said North, and he forthwith imprinted a sounding kiss on the fair mother's cheek.

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BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7⅛
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ₩ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ₩ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ₩ ℔	6	@	7⅛
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ ℔	5	@	5¼
Shoulders ₩ ℔		@	5⅛
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 20
BEESWAX ₩ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M	6 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	44	@	45
Virginia Meal	44	@	45
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—₩ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—₩ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—₩ ℔—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	8	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ₩ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ₩ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—₩ dozen		@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ half-barrel	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₩ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 00	@	3 50
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ₩ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ₩ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	3 35	@	3 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—			
Low grade		@	3 75
Choice		@	4 75
Straight		@	5 00
First Patent	5 25	@	6 00
GLUE—₩ ℔—	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bags—White,		@	45
Car load, in bags—White,		@	44
Oats, from store	32½	@	35
Oats, Rust Proof		@	40
Cow Peas		@	55
HIDES, ₩ ℔—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY, ₩ 100 ℔s—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ₩ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ₩ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ₩ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed), ₩ M feet—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—			
Barbados, in hhds		@	25
" " in bbls		@	28
Porto Rico, in hhds		@	25
" in bbls		@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12	@	14
" " in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	12	@	15
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	1 50
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess	9 25	@	9 50
Rump		@	9 25
Prime		@	9 25
ROPE, ₩ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ₩ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	60
Lisbon		@	
American	40	@	60
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	40
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ₩ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ₩ ℔—Standard Granu'd		@	5¼
Standard A		@	5⅛
White Ex. C		@	4⅞
Extra C, Golden		@	4⅝
C. Yellow		@	3⅞
SOAP, ₩ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	8 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	4 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
₩ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x20 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	50
TALLOW, ₩ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon—Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL ₩ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	15

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, December 20.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 30½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 30 cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market quiet at $1 15 per bbl for Strained and $1 20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1 05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market steady; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, 1.90 for Yellow Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin steady, $1.45, 1.50; tar steady, $1 05; crude turpentine quiet and steady, $1.40, 1.90, 1 80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	84
Rosin	301
Tar	712
Crude Turpentine	32

Receipts same day last year—58 casks spirits turpentine, 2 284 bbls rosin, 1,035 bbls tar, 26 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON

Market firm on a basis of 5⅜c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 15-16	cts ₩ ℔
Good Ordinary	4¼	" "
Low Middling	4 15-16	" "
Middling	5⅜	" "
Good Middling	5⅝	" "

Same day last year, middling 6 9-16c.

Receipts—2 395 bales; same day last year 1,438.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy 50c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3 25; seven inch, $5 50 to 6 50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Evening.—Money on call firm at 2½@4 per cent., last loan at 3, and closed offered at 2½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 484⅞@485 for demand; 481⅞@482½ for sixty days. Posted rates 483@483½ and 486@486½. Commercial bills 481½. Silver certificates 56½@57¾. Bar silver 56½. Mexican dollars 45½. Government bonds were weak; new fours, registered, 129; new fours, coupon, 129; fours, registered, 112¾; fours, coupon 114¾; twos registered 99½; fives, registered 114½; fives, coupon, 114½. State bonds dull; North Carolina sixes 125; North Carolina fours 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 20.—Spirits turpentine firm 30c bid and 31½c asked. no sales; unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 20.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30⅝c bid; sales 827 casks; receipts 828 casks. Rosin firm; sales 5,335 barrels; receipts 559 barrels; closed: A, B, C, D, $1 15@1 20, E, F $1 20@1 25 G $1 30@1 35 H $1 45, I $1 60 K $1 75 M $1 95, N $2 30, W G $2 63, W W $2 95.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK December 20.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 3 to 5 points. English cables being encouraging and weather accounts from the cotton belt pointing to some interference with the movement, while preventing work on cotton fields where cotton remains unpicked. Throughout the session traders were hesitating and the volume of business was small. The recurrence of the scant trade to close up old scores rather than to take on new responsibilities and outside speculation was very slack. There was a moderate quantity of limiting buying orders from parties who had been steady buying for investment purposes recently, but in a small way. Following the first call the market got down 2 to 3 points on local liquidation in the absence of outside support. The market closed steady at a net gain of 5 to 6 points.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 5⅝c.

Cotton futures—market opened quiet and closed steady, with sales for the day of 121 700 bales; January 5 73, February 5 76, March 5 80, April 5 85, May 5 90, June 5 94, July 5 98, August 6 03, September 6 02, October 6 05, December 5 72.

Spot cotton closed steady; middling uplands 5⅝c; middling gulf 6⅛c; sales 100 bales.

Cotton—net receipts 177 bales; gross 10 408 bales; exports to Great Britain 999 bales; to France 96 bales; to the Continent 1,100 bales; forwarded 5,851 bales; sales 100 bales; sales to spinners — bales; stock (actual) 101 557 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 66,595 bales; exports to Great Britain 47 282 bales; to France 4,125 bales; to the Continent 38,087 bales; stock 1,092 607 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 524 288 bales; exports to Great Britain 59 492 bales; to France 4 125 bales; to the Continent 51,541 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4 965 570 bales; exports to Great Britain 1 615 775 bales; exports to France 446 578 bales; exports to the Continent 1,806,577 bales.

Dec. 20.—Galveston, steady at 5 7-16c, net receipts 15 415 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 5½ net receipts 5,835 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 5⅝, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 5⅝, net receipts 1,808 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 2,239 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6⅛, net receipts 140 bales; Savannah, steady at 5⅜, net receipts 7 825 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5 5 16, net receipts 18 870 bales; Mobile, steady at 5 3-16, net receipts 5 806 bales; Memphis, steady at 5⅜, net receipts 7,111 bales; Augusta, firm at 5⅜, net receipts 3,865 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5 3-16, net receipts 4,327 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20—Evening.—Flour firm and held higher. Wheat—spot strong; No 2 red 1 00⅞ f. o. b. afloat; options opened on strength in Chicago and advanced with few interruptions all day on bullish American and English visible supply figures, better later cables, heavy clearances and generally better demand, closing 2 per cent. up on December and ⅞c net higher on other months; No. 2 red January closed 99½c; May closed 95⅜; December closed 1 01⅜. Corn—spot firm; No. 2 35⅜c f. o. b. afloat; options opened firm with wheat and advanced on a big visible supply decrease and bad weather West, closing ⅛@1c net higher; May closed 34⅞c; December closed 33c. Oats—spot firm; No. 2 27½c; options were dull but firm with other market, closing ⅛@⅜c lower; February closed 27⅜c; December closed 27½c; May closed 27⅞c. Lard was strong; Western steam $4 90; December $4 85, nominal; refined lard was strong; Continent $5 05; South American $5 40; compound 4@4½c. Pork strong; mess $8 50@9 00; short clear $10 00@12 00; family $10 00@10 65. Butter—market firm; Western creamery 22½c; do. factory 12@17c; Elgins 21c; imitation creamery 13½@18c; State dairy 13@21c; do. creamery 15@21c. Cheese steadier; large white September 8½c; light skims 6@6½c; part skims 4½@5½; full skims 3@4c. Petroleum steady; United closed at 66½c bid. Cotton seed oil steady, prime crude 18½@18½c; prime yellow 21½@22c. Rice steady. Coffee—spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 6⅜c; No 7 jobbing 7½c; mild steady; Cordova 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3 9-16c; centrifugal 96 test 4 1-16c; refined firm.

CHICAGO, December 20.—The Leiter crowd took a turn at the May option today and wheat in consequence closed at the top of an advance of 1⅝c. The trade was the biggest in the pit for several weeks. Corn was very strong and advanced ⅜ to ⅝c. Oats closed ⅛ to ¼c higher. Provisions were influenced by rain and advanced 10 to 20 points with a big trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Cash quotations: Flour firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 88½@89½c; No 3 spring 82@96c; No. 2 red 1 00@1 04. Corn—No. 2, 27@27¼c. Oats—No. 2, 22⅜; No. 2 white f. o. b. 24½c; No 3 white f. o. b. 23@24½c. Rye—No. 2, 46½c. Mess pork, per barrel, $7 72½@7 77½. Lard, per 100 lbs $4 62½@4 65. Short rib sides, loose, $4 52½@4 80. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4 62½@4 75. Short clear sides, boxed, $4 77½@5 90. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—December 100@101, 102 99 100; January 96½, 95½, 96½, 95½; May 92½@93⅜ 96½, 92½, 94½c. Corn—December 26½, 26⅜, 26½ 26⅜; January 26⅝, 27, 26½, 27c; May 29½, 29⅜, 29½, 29⅞c; July 30⅜ 30⅞, 30⅜ 30⅞. Oats—December 21½, 21⅞, 21½, 21⅞c; May 23⅜ 23½, 23⅛ 23⅜c. Mess pork per bbl—December $7 70, 7 72½, 70, 72½; January $8 70, 8 72½ 8 67½ 8 77½; May $8 90 9 0, 8 92½ 9 05. Lard per 100 lbs—December $4 50, January $4 57½ 4 65, 4 57½, 4 65; May $4 75 4 82½ 4 75, 4 82½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—December $4 57½ January $4 65 4 50 4 65, 4 50; May $4 57½ 4 67½, 4 57½, 4 67½.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Flour quiet; Western superfine $2 70@3 10; do extra $3 35@4 10; do family $4 40@4 65; winter wheat patents $4 85@5 10; do spring $5 00@5 20; spring wheat straights $4 80@4 95. Wheat strong; spot and month 98½@98⅜c; January 99@99½c; steamer No. 2 red 93@96c; Southern wheat by sample 93@99c; do on grade 93½@98½c. Corn strong; spot 33⅝@33⅞c. month 33½@33⅝c; December, new or old, 33⅜c; January 33⅜@33⅞c; February 33⅜@33c; steamer mixed 31⅝@34c. Southern white and yellow corn 28@33c. Oats barely steady; No. 2 white 29@30c; No. 2 mixed 27@27½c.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot in fair demand and prices steadier. American middling 3 3 16d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales of which 8,000 were for speculation and export, and included 9 100 American. Receipts 12 000 bales, all of which were American. Futures opened quiet but with a steady demand and closed steady American middling (l m c): December 3 9 64@3 10 64d; December and January 3 9 64@3 10 64d seller; January and February 3 9 64d buyer; February and March 3 9 64@3 10-64d buyer; March and April 3 10 64d buyer; April and May 3 11 64@3 12-64d buyer; May and June 3 12 64@3 13-64d seller; June and July 3 13-64@3 14 64d buyer; July and August 3 15-64d seller; August and September 3 16 64d seller; September and October 3 17 64d seller; October and November 3 17 64@3 18-64d seller.

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EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

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MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 21, 1897.

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May Thompson, 60 tons, Cahoon, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Silver Heels, 128 tons, Quinlan, Jas T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Falcon (Nor) 890 tons, Ohre, Paterson, Downing & Co.

Poseidon (Nor) 544 tons, Pettersen, Pernambuco, Heide & Co.

Hans (Swed), 680 tons, Ebbefson, Heide & Co.

BRIGS.

Gabrielle, 482 tons Munday, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

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And the world is petty and vain;
When languor and sloth and indifference
Have swamped your soul in their muck,
And the only thing that's reality
Are the heavy clouds of ill luck,

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Where do all the lost needles and pins go? is an old question, but how many people have ever stopped to think where all the old gunny sacks go? A sack is not like a sulphur match, only meant for one using, but goes the rounds many times before it finally lands in the ragshop or gets its final reincarnation into wrapping paper.

In fact, the bag brokerage business is quite a trade, and there is one quite good sized establishment down on Drumm street whose sole business is resurrecting and revivifying old sacks and sending them out into the world on a new mission of usefulness.

"Yes, it is quite a business," said little Mr. Schmidt when questioned as to where all the bags came from and went to. "They come from everywhere, pretty much, and they go everywhere, pretty much, but not the same places.

"The most bags we get are from the breweries and other places where they handle a great deal of grain. They are the best, too, as a rule, and we bale them up for 'firsts.' The other sacks we sort out and clean, and, if they need it, patch them and mend them, and they make up the 'seconds' and 'thirds.' They are smoothed out, tied up in packages of 25 each, and then done up in bales of 250 and shipped to the consumers. The best of them are usually used for potatoes, the others for coal and such, and the lowest grade for fertilizers.

"The busiest season for us is from June to August, when there are a great many vegetables shipped. I have men out all the time gathering up sacks, and in winter we sort and pack them ready to ship when business gets brisk.

"As to the price, new sacks are worth about $4.05 a hundred now. The best secondhand bring about $3 and from that down.

"We get a good deal of loose grain out of the brewery sacks, but not enough to pay to save it. Of course we have lots of rats and mice about, though we try to keep them down, and I take the grain and sprinkle it around among the bales so the mice that are around will have plenty to eat, and eat the grain instead of the sacks.

"Trade ain't what it was some time ago, but we still handle about 500,000 sacks a year, and they are all used in and around San Francisco."—San Francisco Chronicle.

Just What She Wanted.

A lady whose organ of benevolence was not properly developed once sent the following advertisement to a London paper:

"A lady in delicate health wishes to meet with a useful companion. She must be domesticated, musical, early riser, amiable, of good appearance and have some experience of nursing. Total abstainer preferred. Comfortable home. No salary."

A few days after the advertiser received a hamper labeled:

"This side up—with care—perishable."

On opening it she found a fine tabby cat with a letter tied to her tail. It ran thus:

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It would be putting it very mildly to say that this reply quite upset the lady's equilibrium.—London Exchange.

Poker Plush.

The late General Francis B. Spinola of New York was once in a game of poker with a congressman who was all the time owing amounts as a result of his losses, and he would forget to cash in his I O U's. It wasn't long before Mr. Bad Pay obtained from the general $50 worth of chips. The general kept on winning and finally cashed in his original investment and began to pile up his winnings in an artistic fashion. Mr. Bad Pay also finally struck a fine streak of luck, and he, too, was comparatively a large winner. One of the party inquired of General Spinola if the chips in front of him were not all velvet. "All velvet," responded General Spinola with glee. "And don't forget, general," said the man who had on so many occasions borrowed from every one at the table, "you have $50 in velvet over here in my pile. Don't forget that." "That's all right, my friend," quietly remarked General Spinola, "but suppose for the time being we do not call that velvet. Let's call it plush."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Her Luck.

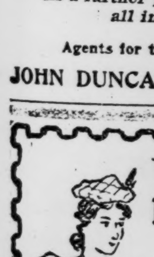
Mrs. Hilby—Goodness! What luck that Willow woman has!

Old Hilby—What's happened now?

"Why, she's actually got the St. Vitus dance."

"And you call that luck?"

"Certainly. Just think how it must make her diamonds sparkle."—London Answers.



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was very attractive, and it was also clumsily ungallant. Besides, the passengers and the officials would listen to no excuse.

"It was the act of a blackguard," said the conductor, "and you must put up with the consequences. Will you stop that boisterous laughter down there, please? I cannot hear my own voice," added the official, addressing the man standing near the stove.

"You'd laugh just as boisterously yourself if you were in my place," was the quick reply. "It's the jolliest farce that I ever saw, and I've seen a lot in my day. Why, that young man there with the swollen cheek is as innocent as you or I. He was fast asleep when the young woman was kissed."

"That's all bosh," replied the conductor. "Asleep or awake, he must take the consequences of having insulted the lady."

"But he didn't kiss her, I tell you. I saw the whole business."

"Then, who did?" inquired the conductor.

"A dirty stoker, who sat on his bunkers on the floor," said the man.

"How dare you insult me in this gross fashion, sir!" exclaimed La Skraghina. "Is it not bad enough to have been assaulted by a well dressed ruffian here? Must I now hear it said that I was kissed by a filthy stoker? Conductor, I appeal to you for protection."

"I tell you, madame, you were kissed by a dirty stoker. I saw it with my own two eyes, and a blessed dirty stoker he was. You remember the stoker that squatted down there?" he asked his fellow passengers. They all recollected him very well.

"Where is he now?" inquired the conductor.

"He bolted at once at the little station which we entered just as the kiss was given," explained the man.

"It's a horrid lie, sir!" screamed the lady.

"It's no such thing, madame. You were a bit too free with your fingers, that's all. Your sooty admirer left his mark on you too. Here is a pocket mirror. Just glance at your lips, look at your cheek, and you will see the imprint of that kiss as clearly as if it were a picture." And he handed her a small looking glass, which made her reflect more senses than one. It has often been said that a kiss is not tangible nor visible, having neither form nor color. But this osculation was a conspicuous exception, being entirely visible, and its hue was pot black.

"Yes, there's the stoker's monogram, sure enough," exclaimed several of the passengers, who rocked with laughter.

"Good God! I'm ruined!" cried the lady, who forthwith had a fresh attack of hysterics and strange twitches and movements that might have passed for a fit. It possibly might have been mere acting, however.

Abundant cold water was thrown upon Mme. Skraghina, both in the literal and metaphorical sense, for now that the facts had been made clear the passengers were of the opinion that for an unprotected female she had defended herself, if not wisely, yet too well, and her victim, whose hair was thinner and whose cheek was much fuller than when he first entered the compartment, declared that he would prosecute her for libel and assault.

When she recovered her senses, she announced her intention to change to a second class carriage and pay the extra fare, and as she passed through the door she turned a withering look upon the quiet man who stood by the stove and had not slept, exclaiming with all the bitterness she could throw into her voice, "Animal!"

Some days later Mme. Skraghina's bridegroom received a letter, signed by the "animal" in question, informing him that the lady was seen hobnobbing with a handsome young man in a third class carriage at night; that she assaulted a gentleman who said that he would never dream of kissing her, and made no remonstrances whatever to a railway official who did kiss her as he was leaving the train, and that generally her conduct was such that an official protocol had to be drawn up by the authorities. It was a shabby thing for any man to do, the more so as the misleading statements were pretty near the truth.

I heard it stated that no less than three lawsuits were entered for trial by the parties who played the chief parts in this osculatory adventure. None of them, however, was for breach of promise of marriage, for that offense is quite unknown, I believe, to Russian law.—Howard Paul in Philadelphia Times.

DECADENCE MARKED BY MUSEUMS.

One Evidence of Declining Real Estate Values In New York Streets.

What has come to be accepted among real estate men as the invariable indication of a change for the worse of a New York thoroughfare is the appearance of museums in which statuary, works of art, scientific and mechanical exhibits, portraits and "wonders" are shown. So long as the street is devoted to business uses it is prosperous, rent is high, trade is brisk, and the demand for stores continuous. Such a thing as a museum, whether for the exhibition of a three headed girl, a white haired albino or an educated pig, is never seen. Then there comes a time when business languishes, rents fall and tenants are hard to find. This condition lasts for a short time, and then a museum appears with a sign on the front, "Admission to all, 10 cents," or "Five cents admits to all; no extras," as the case may be.

The work of transforming an untenanted store into a museum is neither troublesome nor expensive. These exhibitions do not come under the head of the permanent museums, which are duly licensed by the mayor and are fixtures in certain parts of town. They are, so to speak, ephemeral museums that start up in neighborhoods which are changing. The itinerant museum manager's chief exhibits are inanimate—statues, panoramas, wheels of fortune, reproductions of foreign localities and buildings, calliopes, music boxes and kaleidoscopes. Of course there are some freaks—dwarfs, giants, men and women of peculiar physical characteristics, girls having whiskers, women of abnormally large feet, Indians, wild men from Borneo and its vicinity, performers who sing like birds, sleight of hand men and deft card players.

But the salary list is largest in the announcements at the doors. "We are paying $5,000 a week for the services of the Mexican giant," a sign may say, or "This week only—the $10,000 beauty, now on her way to St. Petersburg." The actual pay roll of such a museum is very small. The music is machine made. The manager is the doorkeeper and treasurer too. The same tickets are used each day and the performance given varies in no essential particular. The item of rent, however, is an important one. This is an outlay which requires cash, and it is for this reason that these museum managers find their best opportunities in neighborhoods which are changing in character, for the landlord of an untenanted store will often rent it at an almost nominal figure to a museum manager for a month or more and the next month will find the museum somewhere else. The Bowery, Grand street and lower Eighth avenue are now the favorite museum regions.—New York Sun.

William's Address Cards.

The address cards of the German emperor are distinguished only by their great simplicity. Unlike those of the German nobility, which are generally adorned with crests and crowns, they are without any ornament except in plain Gothic letters his name, "Wilhelm, German Emperor and King of Prussia." The first Wilhelm omitted the "and" between the two titles.

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Overattention to Children.

A sensible writer on nursery topics calls the attention of mothers to the risk of overcaution and overattention to their children after they are old enough to play and romp about. "A child is happier with a few and simple playthings than a multitude of complicated toys. There is no such good fun or good training as making oneself useful in doing little things like work, and it is cruelty to deprive the child of this pleasure and stimulus. Let the brain and body be trained through hand, foot and eye. Give the boys a carpenter's bench; encourage the girls to do housework. Where possible let both boy and girl have a little garden patch, if only a few feet square, and the care of a few plants. A woman in her home, a man in his garden—this seems to be a fundamental type from which we cannot depart without risk of body and mind. Cheerfulness, sincerity, industry, perseverance and unselfishness may be acquired by practice and constant repetition as much as the art of correct speaking or playing the piano and are far more necessary to health."—Womankind.

The Higher Education.

So many women have taken the higher degrees in colleges that it is now impossible to keep a record of this class of events. Nevertheless much remains to be done in the obliteration of ancient prejudice and antifeminine conservatism. When Miss Phillipa Fawcett beat all collegiate records in her famous English university examination, the money prize and the high title were awarded not to her, but to the man who came highest after her. He was so far away from her in both ability and attainments that the proceeding was simply farcical, and the statement "that he was the first and greatest scholar of the year" was an absolute falsehood. While scholarship has no sex, yet, thanks to an antiquated law in England, no woman was permitted to enter the official examination, much less to carry off the prize. So great was the indignation aroused, however, by this patent injustice that the college authorities drew up a special certificate which they awarded to Miss Fawcett and which is the only evidence of her achievement.—Margherita Arlina Hamm in New York Mail and Express.

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Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro	11 55 "
Leave Greensboro	2 15 p m
Leave Climax	12 48 "
Leave Sanford	2 35 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

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Leave Fayetteville	4 50 p m
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Leave Maxton	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville	7 15 "

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Leave Climax	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 07 "
Arrive Madison	11 55 "

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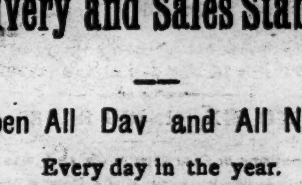

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DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11 03 a m, Warsaw 11.15 a m, Goldsboro 12 05 a m, Wilson 12.55 p m, Rocky Mount 1.47 p m, Tarboro 2.45 p m, Weldon 4.33 p m, Petersburg 6.23 p m, Richmond 7.15 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.30 p m, Baltimore 12.53 a m, Philadelphia 3.45 a m, New York 6.53 a m, †Boston 3.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 6.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.57 p m, Weldon 1.47 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.16 a m, Richmond 4.10 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.25 a m, New York 2.03 p m, Boston 9.00 p m.

DAILY except Sunday 2 40 p m — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4 21 p m, Newbern 5 40 p m.

SOUTHBOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 p m, Chadbourn 5.40 p m, Marion 6.40 p m, Florence 7.10 p m, Sumter 9.30 p m, Columbia 10.10 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.20 a m, Macon 11.30 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.55 p m, Savannah 1 58 a m, Jacksonville 8.20 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 6.45 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 p m, *New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 2.50 a m, Washington 4.30 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.52 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12 47 p m, Wilson 2 37 p m, Goldsboro 3 20 p m, Warsaw 4.1· p m, Magnolia 4 21 p m.

DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.09 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 3.46 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 2.20 p m, Weldon 9.43 p m, †Tarboro 6.01 p m, Rocky Mount 5.45 a m, leave Wilson 6.22 a m, Goldsboro 7.01 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

DAILY except Sunday 11 59 a m — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9 00 a m, Jacksonville 10 18 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.2· p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.00 a m, Sanford 1.50 p m, Jacksonville 8·0 p m, Savannah 1 48 a m, Charleston 6.33 a m, Columbia 7.00 a m, Atlanta 8 20 a m, Macon 9.30 a m, Augusta 3.05 p m, Denmark 4.50 p m, Sumter 8 25 a m, Florence 10 05 a m, Marion 10.41 a m, Chadbourn 11.45 a m, Lake Waccamaw 12.16 p m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3 55 p m, Halifax 4 30 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.52 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 18 a m, Weldon 11.33 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 a m and 2 30 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 4 00 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 a m and 6 30 p m, arrives Washington 11 00 a m and 7.20 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 p m, Sunday, 4 05 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m and 6 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 50 a m, and Sunday 9 a m. Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m and 11 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield N. C., 8.30 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.30 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 8 a m, Nashville 8 35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.20 a m and 4.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m. and 3.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.00 a m, arrive Latta 10.28 a m, Dillon 10 50 a m, Rowland 11 05 a m, returning leaves Rowland 6 10 p m, arrives Dillon 6.29 p m, Latta 6.48 p m, Pee Dee 7.05 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 11.50 a m, arrive Conway 2 10 p m, leave Conway 2 45 p m, Chadbourn 5.45 p m, arrive Hub 6.25 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 33 p m, Manning 7.03 p m, arrive Lane's 7 33 p m, leave Lanes 8.28 a m, Manning 9.05 a m. arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.55 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 9.14 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m. arrive Lanes 8.25 a m, 5.25 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10 28 a m, Cheraw 11 40 a m, Wadesboro 2 25 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 8.15 p m, arrive Darlington 9.00 p m., Hartsville 9 55 p m, Bennettsville 9 53 p m. Gibson 10 20 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 55 a m, arrive Darlington 10.27 a m. Hartsville 11 10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 45 a m, arrive Darlington 7 30 a m, leave Darlington 9 00 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 29 p m, arrive Florence 7 00 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 8 20 a m, Darlington 9 05 a m, arrive Florence 9 25 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2 20 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 3.15 p m Smithfield 3.32 p m, Dunn 4 00 p m, Fayetteville 4.47 p m, 1.14 a m, Rowland 6.10 p m, returning leave Rowland 9 38 a m, Fayetteville 12.23 a m, 10.35 p m, Dunn 1.05 p m, Smithfield 1.53 p m, Selma 1.55 p m, arrive Wilson 2 35 p m, 12 12 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 40 a m, Creston 5 34 a m, arrive Denmark 6 30 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 50 p m, Creston 5 42 p m, Sumter 6 10 p m Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 a m, arrives Creston 3 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11 10 a m and 5.05 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 9 05 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 8.25 a m and 3.30 p m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.
T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager. de 2 tf

Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28th 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS	GOING WEST. 4 Passenger Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 03	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 35 a m., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points. S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 21, 1897

COTTON MILL EMPLOYES.

Counter-Propositions Substituted to Fall River Manufacturer — Trouble at Pawtucket Mills.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FALL RIVER, MASS., December 20.—A conference of representatives of the cotton manufacturers and the employes, on the wage question, was held to-day. The agents of the labor unions submitted three reports and each of the delegates made some comment thereon. The manufacturers decided to take the matter under consideration and will give a written answer to-morrow. These propositions, formulated at the meeting of the representatives of the various labor unions last week, are:

First. It being the general opinion that there will be an improvement during the ensuing year and that the manufacturers will be in a far more prosperous condition than at present, we request the manufacturers to postpone the proposed reduction until the first of March. If there is no improvement at that time we will hold another conference with the view of settling the wage question.

Second. Believing that reducing wages is not a remedy for an overstocked market, we respectfully request the manufacturers to work four days per week until the first of March. If there is no improvement at that time we will hold another conference.

Third. If neither of the above propositions is accepted and we cannot settle the questions satisfactorily, we are willing to submit our case to the State Board of Arbitration, wages to remain as at present until the State Board makes its report.

The attitude of the big plant of the Fall River Iron Works Company which employs about three thousand operatives and which has been questioned by some was settled to-day by the announcement of the owner, M. C. D. Borden, of New York. He announces his willingness to reduce wages to a point 20 per cent. below the present basis if the committee so decides.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., December 20.—The trouble between the weavers and management of the Royal Weaving Company which existed since the reduction in wages was announced to take place, culminated to day in the virtual discharge of the weavers because of a refusal to comply with an order from Manager Ott embodying a request by the company to have several cotton weavers taught the business.

The weavers informed the manager that they would go out rather than comply with the order, and they were discharged.

The mills will have to close. The mills employ about 250 people. The reduction referred to in the weavers wages amounted to 16 per cent.

THE KLONDIKE SUFFERERS.

Relief Measures Instituted By the Washington Authorities—Six Hundred Reindeer to Transport Supplies.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—Secretary Alger to-day cabled to William A. Kjellman, the chief of government reindeer herdsmen, who is now at Alten, Norway, to inform the War Department immediately how soon six hundred reindeer can be shipped to this country. These are wanted for use as draft animals in getting supplies to the miners in the Klondike region. It is expected that they must be transferred at New York to the railroads and in that manner carried across the continent and again by sea from the Pacific coast up to Dyea or such other point as may be selected as the base of operations by the relief expeditions. Secretary Alger has determined, after advising with the medical officers of the War Department and persons who have had much experience in Arctic regions, to make use of condensed food preparations. Not only will the meats taken be in the concentrated form, but particular efforts are making to secure condensed preparations of vegetables, such as potatoes and onions. Secretary Alger has begun an inquiry to ascertain the amount of such stores available for purchase by the government and the prices demanded for them.

The State Department has already asked the British government to request of the Canadian government permission to pass these stores through Canadian territory free of duty. It is not anticipated that any objection will be made to granting the request nor to the accompanying request that will be made for permission for our soldiers to pass over Canadian territory as guards for the expeditions, although an order of the privy council will be required for the suspension of duties.

RENEWING ALLEGIANCE.

Opposition to Autonomy Practically Unanimous Among Cuban Officers.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK December 20.—Copies of a statement signed by the officers of the fourth army corps of the Cuban army, operating in the department of Las Villas, renewing allegiance to the Cuban cause and forswearing autonomy, were received in this city to-day. This action by the officers of the Las Villas department makes the opposition to autonomy practically unanimous among the Cuban officers. The statement says in part:

"We are convinced that the promulgation of reforms is an evidence of weakness on the part of Spain and is in itself a triumph for our arms. Our fighting attitude will continue just as it is to day until our unfortunate country is made free.

"We will accept no other settlement than that based upon absolute independence which must be agreed to with our government and the assembly of representatives."

Among the signers are Juan Maso Parra, brigadier general of the first division, and Calixto Garcia, adjutant.

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THE PARTITION OF CHINA

EUROPEAN POWERS MOVING TO SEIZE STHATEGICAL POSITIONS.

Great Britain Working in Harmony With Japan—France Awaiting British Action—Russia Co-operating With Germany.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 20.—An unconfirmed report is current here that part of the British far eastern squadron will be stationed at Wei Hai Wei this winter. If true, this indicates that Great Britain is working in harmony with Japan. The latter power still occupies Wei Hai Wei, pending payment of the Chinese war indemnity.

The evening newspapers are much disturbed over the situation. "What do we get?" is the burden of their complaint, and all insist upon the necessity for immediate action.

The *Globe* says: "Russia and Germany now have the two most important strategical positions in northern China, and Great Britain, whose commercial interests there are ten times greater, must be content with the crumbs from the St. Petersburg and Berlin tables."

The *Pall Mall Gazette* echoes the *Standard's* inquiry as to America's attitude, and says:

"Of course the partition of the coast which is bound to come will not be confined to Russia and Germany. Every naval state in the world is actively concerned in the disturbance of the equilibrium in the far east, Great Britain, France and Japan especially. But the United States cannot be treated as a quantity to be ignored. The tame acquiescence with these seizures is not worthy of our past and is fatal to our future. We may remark that we shall not be without sympathizers, and the Japanese will most joyfully back any scheme to redress the bitter humiliation they have suffered at the hands of Russia."

Advices received here from Paris show that France is awaiting Great Britain's action. If Great Britain follows the lead of Russia and Germany and occupies a seaport, France will forthwith follow suit.

The officials of the Chinese embassy here do not conceal the belief that the Powers are intending to seize Chinese ports. They discredit the report that Great Britain has been requested to assume a protectorate over the Yang-Tse valley and the West river, saying they have no information on the subject and would know if the rumor was true.

Sir Halliday McCartney, the English Secretary of the Chinese Embassy, was asked to day if Russia's possession of Port Arthur would be temporary and he replied that this plea was usually made a pretext for occupation.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 20.—The *Novosti* declares the occupation of Port Arthur has nothing practical behind it, adding: "It must be a matter of indifference to the Powers who are not planning seizures of Chinese territory, as to which point the Russian squadron chooses for its winter station."

BERLIN, December 20,—The Paris correspondent of the Cologne *Gazette* telegraphs that he learns on reliable authority that the Russian occupation of Port Authur was connected with the visit there of the British warship Daphne, a week ago, when, in spite of the protests of the Chinese the Daphne entered the inner harbor, allegedly to ascertain whether there were Russian ships there. China complained of the incident to the representatives of the Powers at Pekin.

The British Far-eastern squadron is said to be at Talienwan and according to the corresponddent quoted is shortly expected at Port Arthur.

The Cologne *Gazette* regards the occupation as merely a continuance of the co-operation of Germany with Russia in eastern Asia.

LONDON, December 20.—The newspapers are still busily discussing the "partition of China." The *Daily Mail's* dispatch from Shanghai denying that Russia has seized Port Arthur, probably only means that the Russians have not yet actually landed.

The reports concerning the Daphne and the British fleet wintering at Wei-Hai-Wei, are officially denied; but it is alleged with some show of authority that the government knew of Russia's occupation of Port Arthur last Friday, and the Cabinet sat three hours discussing the situation.

BERLIN, December 20.—The rumor is current here that the British East Asiatic squadron has been ordered to sail for Quelpaert island, at the entrance of the Yellow sea, presumably to occupy it. The tone of the German press is favorable to some such action on the part of Great Britain.

Quelpaert island, which is sixty miles south of Corea, is forty-five miles long and twelve miles broad. It is subordinate to Corea, and has been used as a penal settlement.

YOKOHAMA, December 21.—Russia has notified Japan of the temporary occupation of Port Arthur, and a large Japanese squadron has left Nagasaki.

THE COTTON GROWERS.

Resolutions Adopted and Officers Elected at the Meeting of the Association in Memphis.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MEMPHIS, TENN., December 20.—The American Cotton Growers' Protective Association was called to order at 10 o'clock this morning by President Hector D. Lane, of Athens, Ala. Many delegates were present, including prominent planters from Arkansas, Tennessee, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia and Mississippi. Immediately after the delegates were called to order President Lane delivered an address, in which he explained that the convention had been called to improve, if possible, the demoralized condition of the cotton industry from the growers' standpoint.

At the night meeting of the convention the committee on resolutions presented a report urging the formation of a permanent organization of American cotton growers. The report was adopted.

A resolution was passed suggesting that the farmers in every county in each State meet on the first Monday of February and proceed to organize.

The following officers were elected: President, Hector D. Lane, of Alabama; Secretary, Richard Cheatham, of Memphis.

The convention then adjourned *sine die*, subject to the call of the president.

TO FIX MINING RATES.

Conventions of Coal Operators and Miners—Another Strike Among the Possibilities.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, PA., December 20.—The coal operators and miners held separate conventions to-day preliminary to the joint convention to be held to-morrow for the purpose of fixing the mining rate for 1898. Both conventions were largely attended and the important questions which are to come to-morrow were thoroughly discussed.

Judging from the results of to-day's work it would appear that to-morrow's convention will not fix a rate and another general strike is one of the possibilities.

A Toronto dispatch says from all parts of the province come reports of severe weather. At White River the thermometer registered twenty degrees below zero, and at Matta it was fifteen. Here it went to four below.

MURDERED MASTER AND MATE.

Trial of John Andersen, Cook of the Schooner Olive Pecker, at Norfolk, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NORFOLK, VA., December 20.—All preliminaries having been cleared away, rapid progress was made to day in the case of John Andersen now on trial in the Federal Court upon the specific charge of murdering William Wallace Saunders, mate of the schooner Olive Pecker on August 6th last, while that vessel was on the high sea. The case may be finished to-morrow, though Andersen has yet to be tried under the indictments for murdering Captain Whitman and burning the schooner.

A number of minor witnesses were heard upon the identification of the vessel and her cargo and Martin Barstad, the Norwegian, was called to the stand as the first eye-witness to the terrible tragedy which will go down as one of the most dramatic and remarkable of modern times.

Barstad testified that he was at the wheel during the whole affair. He saw Andersen throw water on the captain's dog in the morning about 8 o'clock on August 6th, then heard the captain curse him, after which followed a noise as of some one falling, and he supposed the captain had struck Andersen, who came up and asked the mate to protect him, and the mate said: "Go to h——l; you've got to die anyway." Shortly after this Andersen came out of the captain's cabin and called the mate down out of the rigging and shot him four times. He summoned all hands on board and made them throw the body overboard. Then he made the men go do down into the cabin and get the body of the captain and throw that overboard, after which he took the crew down into the captain's cabin and gave them some whiskey. The crew were forced to get into the small boat and go to shore; the trip thither and subsequent events were all narrated very much as heretofore published.

After Barstad's testimony the court took a recess for one hour.

Court re-convened at 2 o'clock and John Lind was called to the stand. He testified that he was a Swede and had shipped as a common sailor on board the Olive Pecker. Lind told essentially the same story as Barstad except that he did not see Andersen shoot the mate. Andersen came up to him and told him that he had killed the captain and the mate had to go, too. The witness then went and called the watch to come up, and while he was doing this heard three or four shots on the other side of the vessel. Witness helped throw the bodies overboard and Andersen cursed the dead body of the mate.

SUSPECTED FILIBUSTERS.

Three Vessels At Pensacola Loading Under Official Supervision and Watched by the United States Steamer Montgomery.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PENSACOLA, FLA., December 20.—There was considerable activity on board the United States steamer Montgomery on yesterday, owing to information having reached her commander to the effect that several suspected filibusters were in the harbor. Consequently the cruiser started officers and made preparations for getting under way if necessary at a moment's notice. The crew of the cruiser worked in conjunction with the revenue cutter Penrose. Late in the afternoon the Montgomery put a squad of armed men, in charge of an officer, on board the Penrose, and they will be relieved every four hours until further developments. The Montgomery also fitted out several of her boats with guns, ammunition and armed crews to patrol the harbor, while the Penrose did duty outside around Warrington. All the boats of the Montgomery have orders to fire two blank charges to bring to any suspected vessel and, upon her neglecting to stop, a third shot, this time a loaded shell is to be fired.

The Somers N. Smith, a pilot boat, a vessel called the Britannia and a schooner are loading here under official supervision. The Smith is said to have run several successful expeditions in the past, having escaped the Montgomery once, and as she came in from sea on Thursday night and has been taking on board all day long a cargo of some description, an unusual proceeding for a pilot boat the Montgomery intends to follow her as soon as she gets under way.

The Britannia and the schooner have also been taking a cargo of boxes, supposed to be ammunition, etc., on board, and it is reported that the Dauntless is waiting somewhere outside the bar in order to ship the munitions at sea. It will thus be seen that a well-organized expedition to Cuba is apparently being equipped here.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—The Treasury Department has notified the collector of customs at Key West to keep watch on the tug Dauntless, which is suspected of having another filibustering expedition on hand. The information was furnished by the Spanish minister, who reported that the Dauntless had in tow a number of barges or lighters. While there was nothing apparently unlawful in the movements of the tug, the minister said he had reason to believe she contemplated another expedition. In view of her previous achievements in that line a strict watch on her movements was ordered.

REDUCTION OF WAGES.

A Cut of About Ten Per Cent. to be Made by Cotton Mills at Suncook, N. H.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SUNCOCK, N. H., Dec. 20.—Notices have been posted at the China, Pembroke and Wasster cotton mills here announcing a reduction of the wages of the operatives of about ten per cent. on January 1st. The cut will affect the superintendents and overseers, and, in fact, all of the employes of the three corporations, including nearly 1,500 operatives. The monthly pay-roll amounts to $37,000. The three mills are engaged in the manufacture of print cloth. It is probable that the cut down will be accepted.

Col. David L. Jewell, superintendent of the China mills, says the reasons for the reduction are the same as those which caused the cut at the Fall River mills and the Amoskeag corporation at Manchester.

FIRE IN BALTIMORE

Loss About $150,000—Fully Covered by Insurance.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—The large establishment of Crook, Horner & Co., dealers in plumbers', machinists' and millers' supplies, at the corner of Howard and Saratoga streets, was partially destroyed by fire to day, entailing a loss of about $150,000 to stock and building. The fire was discovered in the top floor of the seven story building soon after 5 o'clock, and is supposed to have been started by a match carelessly thrown in a lot of cotton waste by an employe of the firm. On one of the burned floors were about $50,000 worth of patterns which cannot be replaced. Beside this, the firm lost about $75,000 on stock, fully covered by insurance. The building was damaged to the extent of $25,000, also covered by insurance.

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RALEIGH NEWS! BUDGET.

JIM BOOKER, ALLEGED MURDERER, CAPTURED IN BALTIMORE.

The Postmastership—C. T. Bailey Will Probably Secure the Place—Insurance Companies Without License—Death of a Well Known Citizen—Pritchard's Promises.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*

RALEIGH, N. C., December 20.

Yesterday afternoon Capt. R. H. Brooks returned from Baltimore with Jim Booker, who is wanted here for the murder of a colored woman. Booker was betrayed by his room-mate, who told on him in order to secure the reward offered by the Governor. A preliminary trial will be had this week.

There is some talk here among the politicians of establishing an office brokerage. Since Mewborne hoodooed Jno. R. Smith out of his boots, other government officials have become restless and are longing for "something better." Dr. Joyful Ramsey, of the Agriculture Department, was asked what office he would like to swap for. He replied that he wouldn't swap with any one except the Governor.

Alfred Upchurch, one of Raleigh's best known and oldest citizens, died this morning.

George W. Cobb, whom Carl Duncan defeated for the collectorship, tells it that Pritchard offered to divide the time of the appointment. The proposal, he says, was to give him two years and Duncan two years. Cobb says that he was also offered the position of bank examiner, with $3 500 salary, but that he declined all offers of a compromise. Cobb says he had many promises of offices among his friends and that he could not afford to save himself and throw them down.

The matter of postmastership will be taken up soon, so it is said. Maj. J. B. Hill, C. T. Bailey, J. H. Young and A. W. Shaffer are after the plum. Bailey has been promised the place and there seems to be little doubt about his securing the appointment.

A number of insurance companies are doing business in the State without license. Secretary of State Thompson has run upon two or three unlicensed agencies. He came near catching one at Henderson the other day, but the fellow got wind of the Secretary's intentions and jumped the State. Dr. Thompson says he will prosecute vigorously the first offender found.

Auditor Ayer has played many roles and figured in many plays, but he has now embarked in something entirely new. It is related that he paid the hypnotist, Lee, who performed here last week, $35 to give him lessons in hypnotism. In addition to his other qualifications the Auditor should now be a winner from whence.

ARANGUEREN WAS SHOT.

Rebel Leader Executed With His Friend, Col. Ruiz—Ruiz Had No Official Mission.

[*Washington Star December 20*]

The Spanish Legation in Washington yesterday received the following cable message from Secretary General Congosto, dated Havana, December 18:

"News just received permits us to affirm that Ruiz was shot with Aranguren, the rebel General. They were both shot by order of Alexander Roderiguez Ruiz left Havana on Monday to meet Aranguereo, without official mission and only as a friend and after several letters had been exchanged between them. It is not known how Roderiguez arrived, but it is a fact that he ordered the execution of both. The ferocity of such an act in the face of autonomy demonstrates better than anything else that the intransigeants are obliged to resort to terror to prevent the disbanding of forces. Such is the opinion of the public, which qualifies such conduct as unworthy of savages."

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, December 20.—The local newspapers comment to-day upon the death of Lieutenant Colonel Ruiz. the sorrowful utterances reflecting the sentiment of the general public.

El Diario De La Marina recalls the fact that at the end of the ten years war "the rebels resorted to the same proceedings a few days before the peace of Zanjon."

La Lucha says the fate of Ruiz was a "misfortune due to haste."

The official *Gazette* has at last published the autonomy decree.

A largely attended mass meeting of conservatives, with delegates from various parts of the island, was held this evening, convened by a circular issued by the Marquis de Apezteguia, leader of the Spanish Conservative party. The circular said the conservatives expect and demand only justice from the government.

MADRID, December 20,—Official dispatches from Havana confirm the report of the execution of Lieutenant Colonel Joaquin Ruiz.

It is alleged that the insurgent chief Nester Aranguren has had seventy insurgents shot because they offered to make submission.

WARM WIRELETS

The United States Supreme Court adjourned for the holiday recess yesterday, to convene again January 3rd.

At the Greenpoint N. Y. Athletic Club last night Buck Griffo, of Cincinnati, fought Jack Fox, of New York, to a finish in twenty rounds.

A terrible gale swept New Foundland yesterday and caused immense damage to fishing establishments and vessels at all the coast settlements.

The reported robbery of some $8,000 in Mexican money from the steamer City of Washington during her last trip from Vera Cruz to New York was confirmed yesterday.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in North Carolina—Chandler, E. W. Chandler; Collinsville, J. M. Putman; Kellford E. B. Clark; Ramseytown, Robert Warrick; Riceville, Minnie E. Clark; Winfall J. J. Chappell.

Fires were put under the furnaces in the Cohansey Cumberland, Moore-Jones window glass factories, Princeton, N. J., and it is expected that the works will start up soon in a week or two and that 2,000 persons now idle will be given employment.

"Bill" Heffernan, of Johannesburg, South Africa, made his initial appearance in an American ring at Buffalo, N. Y., and was put out by Tommy Ryan, of Syracuse in three rounds. Heffernan was the easiest victim that Ryan has ever met.

The amount of business reported in the New York dry goods market yesterday demonstrated the value of reductions which were made recently in staple bleached goods. Both in number and in size the main orders received yesterday were in the highest degree satisfactory for these and similar lines, and the store trading has been of a decidedly encouraging character.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

INSURGENTS INCREASING.

Their Number Said To Be Growing In The Provinces Of Pinar Del Rio, Havana And Matanzas.

HAVANA (via Key West.) Dec. 19.—The insurgents are increasing largely in numbers in the Province of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Matanzas. A resident of Pinar del Rio asserts that 1 000 pacificos have gone to the insurgent camp. An exchief of the insurgents says that in the Santiago de Cuba Province the insurgents have increased in numbers to 5,000.

General Pando has sent to General Parrado a copy of a dispatch from the correspondent of a Madrid newspaper saying that the rebellion in Santa Clara was being vigorously carried on, and that it was impossible to fight Gomez, who, in spite of General Blanco's measures, avoided engagements with the Spanish troops. The dispatch also says that the soldiers still lack the food which is necessary to the success of the campaign.

General Pando has telegraphed to Marshal Blanco from Manzanillo to send a supply of cattle, which is urgently needed there.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

☞ NOTICES For Rent or Sale, Lost or Found, Wants, and other short miscellaneous advertisements inserted in this Department, in leaded Nonpariel type, on first or fourth page, at Publisher's option. 1 cent per word each insertion; but no advertisement taken for less than 20 cents. Terms positively cash in advance.

Just received—Another car Apples. Finest of the season; select especially for Xmas trade. Also, barrel fine Scuppernong Wine. W. P. Oldham & Co. de 21 1t*

For Sale—A Phaeton, best quality, very roomy, good condition, little used, cost $175. Will be sold for $60 because of removal. Apply till 27th inst., at U. S. Marine Hospital. de 21 1t*

Just received another fresh lot of that fine Roasted Laguayra Coffee, which, taking the verdict of those who use it, is the best in the city; no exceptions. Come try it. Atlantic Tea Co., 8.8 North Fourth street. Bell Telephone 108. de 19 tf

For this week only, 12 Photographs for one dollar, Front between Church and Castle streets. These are no tintypes. J. J. Burnett. de 19 1w

Ladies wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 89, Philadelphia. de 18 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair cut 20 cents, shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents. Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A word to the wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectionaries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mercaochelis, 705 North Fourth street. Bell 'Phone 946, Inter State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. head Rice, choice Hay and all kinds of feed. Lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 98. Inter-State Phone No. 98. de 9 tf

For best prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 106 Dock street, Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specialty. dec 1 tf

Where can I ship country produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 8 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

COUNTRY Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, etc., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

Hayden, F. Ed., has in stock buggies, road Carts and harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 26 tf

Merchants—Wholesale and country merchants save time and money by letting me parch your Peanuts. New process by which large quantities can be roasted at one time. Samples sent if required. A. E. Blake, Wilmington, N. C. nov 7 tf

Photographs—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 30 tf

Always Reliable—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 308. sep 21 tf

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THE BEST OF THE

AGRICULTURAL WEEKLIES.

Indispensable to

ALL COUNTRY RESIDENTS

WHO WISH TO

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TERMS REDUCED FOR 1898

☞ SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS (which will be stated by mail on application) to Persons raising larger Clubs.

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It will be seen that the difference between the cost of the COUNTRY GENTLEMAN and that of other agricultural weeklies may readily be reduced, by making up a small Club, to

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Send for Specimen Copies,

Which will be mailed Free, and see whether this enormous difference in cost should prevent your having the best. What account would you make of such a difference in buying medicine or food? Address,

LUTHER TUCKER & SON.

oc 14 5t ALBANY, N. Y.

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no 27 tf

Onward, March!

Is the command given to the manufacturers of Stoves, and right nobly they have obeyed it. There is scarcely a better Stove in the market than the

Magic Air Tight or the Regal Franklin.

Perhaps there is none better, and we won't take time to enlarge on their merit.

Our PENINSULAR STEEL RANGE and NEW PROCESS OIL HEATER are still in the lead.

Holiday present seekers will find it to their interest to give us a call before making their purchases. A full line of Pocket and Table Cutlery, Prune Knives, &c.

J. W. Murchison,

Orton Building, Wilmington, N. C.

de 19 tf

Frank H. Stedman,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Fire and Tornado Insurance.

Your business is solicited and

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

OFFICE AT

Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.

Telephone No. 162 de 3 tf

Notice.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Superior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 18-7, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Manner, executrix is plaintiff, and F. Fisher et al. are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock m., on Monday, the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the county of New Hanover, aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 30 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 487, according to the plan of said city.

This the 9th day of December, 1897.

ROBERT C. KERRELL, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney. dec 19 30t

Money to Lend.

THE FIRST INSTALMENT

OF THE EIGHTH SERIES OF THE

N. C. Home Building Association

is payable on SATURDAY, JANUARY 1st. and all who desire stock should secure it at once.

Any one desiring to borrow money on easy terms should avail themselves of this opportunity. Money lent either on Stock of the Association or Real Estate.

Frank H. Stedman,

dec 3 tf Secretary and Treasurer.

Horses and Mules

25 Head of Horses.

25 Head of Mules.

Just received.

Call and examine. You will certainly find one to please you. Don't buy until you have seen this fresh new lot of fine stock.

F. T. MILLS,

nov 25 tf 113 and 114 North Water St.

Liverpool and American

SALT.

Any weight sacks, coarse or fine, fresh packing. A large stock

Bagging and Ties,

which we offer at lowest market prices.

Groceries

in quantities sufficient to fill orders promptly. Correspondence solicited.

Hall & Pearsall,

Nutt and Mulberry streets.

au 10 D&W tf

To Any Non-Catholic in North Carolina

"Truth"

ONLY TEN CENTS PER ANNUM.

To any non-Catholic in North Carolina we will send for only ten cents per annum, "Truth," a Catholic magazine devoted to giving TRUE explanations of the Catholic Church, that is of the Catholic Church as it is, not as caricatured and misrepresented. Address, "TRUTH,"

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REV. THOS. F. PRICE, Manager.

my D&W

Combination Bicycle

FOR SALE!

A Combination "Crusader" Bicycle, for either lady or gentleman. Cushion Tires. Brand new. Will be sold cheap. Call in person, or address M., at STAR OFFICE.

ap 7 tf

D. O'Connor,

REAL ESTATE AGENT, WILMINGTON, N. C. Stores, Offices and Dwellings for rent. Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, taxes and insurance attended to promptly. Money loaned on improved city real estate. sep 6 tf

A. D. BROWN,

Successor to BROWN & RODDICK,

No. 29 North Front St.

"ONE PRICE TO ALL" has been our motto since 1865, and we attribute our success to the unswerving adherance to it. We will not break price for any one. Some times we have goods that stay too long with us and then we cut the price and offer them to every one at GREAT SACRIFICE.

A Few Specialties.

Crash Towelling worth 5 cents at 3 cents per yard.
Novelty Dress Goods worth 50 cents at 40 cents per yard.
Drap Ete Dress Goods worth $1.25 at $1.00 per yard.
New line Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Christmas Goods.

Dolls, Dolls, Dolls, Bric a-Brac, Neckwear, Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves, Parasols and Umbrellas. Call and see our line.

This Week

Gentlemen's heavy Grey Underwear worth $1 50, only 98c each.
Gentlemen's All Wool (light weight) Underwear in Ecru worth $1 25, only 98c each.
Ladies' light weight Vests and Pants, only 98c each.
Ladies' non shrinking Vests and Pants, Grey, only 98c each.
A good Cotton Carpet, yard wide, for 25 cents per yard,
Union Carpeting 35 cents per yard.
A good Brussels Carpet for 55 cents per yard.

OUR STORE WILL BE OPEN EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK

no 27 tf

Xmas Presents.

TOYS, TOYS, TOYS, of Every Description.

Dolls, Games, Furniture, Carriages, Wagons, &c.
Musical Instruments.
DRESS GOODS at special Xmas prices.
Table Cloths and Doylies.
Gloves and Handkerchiefs.
Umbrellas and Canes.
JEWELRY.
Underwear and Hosiery.
SHOES AND SLIPPERS.
Everything for Fancy Work.
Bicycle Sundries.
Fancy Crockery, Cups and Saucers, Vases, &c.
SILVERWARE.
Celluloid Articles.
Perfumery.
Pictures and Easels.
Clocks and Watches.
CLOAKS, CAPES AND SHAWLS.
Carpets, Rugs, Mattings and Window Shades.
Clothing and Hats.
Mackintoshes.
Xmas Tree Ornaments.

Our Stock is very large, well selected, and our prices low enough to suit any one.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,

NEAR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.

Bell Phone 118. Inter-State 218.

Car fare paid on purchases of $2.00 and up. de 19 tf

The C. W. Polvogt Co.

No. 9 North Front St.

We Boast of the Greatest Values We Offer

Never More Worthy Than Now.

STORE NOTES.

Is your thought on Lace Curtains? We can embody it for you here. Carpet stock now at its best! It's a busy spot at this writing. Gentle parasols stock is complete; you can have your key use ours. No lodging rooms for fire here; against our business principles. Fresh lots of fine notch grosgrains for you to pick from. Your dollars have great purchasing power in this store. $2 00 to $25.00.

JACKETS AND CAPES ALWAYS.

Quantities of them. Some going out; some coming in. We're looking to and here from A to Z. Know where, when, why and how to buy, and best of all, know how to sell to the satisfaction of our customers. No lodging rooms for fire here; against our business principles. Fresh lots of fine notch grosgrains for you to pick from. Your dollars have great purchasing power in this store. $2 00 to $25.00.

WE'RE PROUD OF OUR KID GLOVE STOCK.

We never lose a customer who once buys Kid Gloves here. We sell more Kid Gloves than all the rest of Wilmington combined. There are three reasons for all this. But we will only mention one of them to-day: Our Ladies' Dollar Kid Gloves. Laces and buttons all warranted.

HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR.

We're busy in this stock nearly all the time; the department gets fresh importations from such lines as these, some wonder how it's done; others wonder why it's done. The how and the why matters little. The fact of its being done is sufficient for money-saving buyers. The best 25 cents Hose in the city.

Sole Agents for the Standard Patterns and W B. Corsets. de 12 tf

NICE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

In Store and to arrive by New York Steamer.

A Beautiful Line of Imported Crockery.

LADIES' AND GENTS' HANDKERCHIEFS IN ALL QUALITIES.

Our Carpets are still going. The best All Wool Carpet at 50 cents per yard. Moquette and Smyrna Rugs at a reduction. Call at

J. J. SHEPARD'S,

de 19 tf 18 Market Street, Wilmington, N. C.

Xmas Novelties and Toys.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over. A word to the wise is sufficient.

MYERS & LEWIS,

de 12 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.

WORTH & WORTH

OFFER FOR SALE

Finest Seed Oats

handled in years.

Flour, Bacon, Sugar,

Lard, Molasses,

MEAL, SALT, LIME, CEMENT,

Plaster, Hay, Corn, Hoop Iron,

OATS, RIVETS, GLUE,

Bagging and Ties

AT Low Prices.

no 7 tf Wilmington, N. C.

PROUD AS A PEACOCK,

and tender as a sucking dove, are the Christmas turkeys now being tenderly nurtured on corn and tid-bits for the Yuletide feast. There will be no venerable patriarchs among the choice birds that will hang in this market, but only the *ne plus ultra* of the poultry raisers' pride, as we have spotted the choicest from every brood around Wilmington.

I. B. RHODES.

de 19 tf Front Street Market.

Stoves at Cost.

UNTIL JANUARY 10TH, 1898, WILL SELL any Cook Stove in stock at Cost for cash. JUST RECEIVED a nice line of Christmas Tinware, consisting of Cake Boxes, Turkey Roasters, etc., etc.

"Banner Lamps to burn."

de 19 tf JAS. H. TAYLOR, Jr.

A Complete and Varied

STOCK OF

Drugs, Druggists' Sundries,

CHEMICALS,

Proprietary Medicines,

Seeds for the Season, Etc., Etc.

ROBERT R. BELLAMY,

Wholesale and Retail Druggist,

no 14 tf Wilmington, N. C.

A CARD.

NOVEMBER 2ND, 1897.

MESSRS. MERCER & EVANS, City.

GENTS:—I am more than pleased with the Nice Watch given me by your enterprising firm. I find it to be an excellent time keeper. Besides being well pleased with your nice and valuable present, I am well satisfied with the SHOES I have bought from you for myself and friends, and I cheerfully recommend you to my friends and the public in general, especially to those needing and intending to buy anything in your line.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. J. MERRIDITH.

On Monday, January 31, 1898, we will open the box and count up. The person having brought us the greatest amount of trade in dollars and cents, will have the first choice of the THREE NICE PRESENTS, (a real Leather Dressing Case, 24x18¼ inches; a Fine Pair of Opera Glasses, and a Nice Gold-plated Watch), the next highest the next choice, and the third will get "Hobson's Choice."

OUR STOCK, we assert, is now the Newest, Cleanest and Best we ever had. Our trade is good and we thank our friends. Respectfully,

MERCER & EVANS.

dec 19 tf

Prempert's Barber Shop,

NO. 11 SOUTH FRONT STREET, FIRST-class Work at Reasonable Prices. Give us a call. Respectfully,

ja 20 ARTHUR PREMPERT